



SITE QA PROJECT PLAN

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The following elements are provided in the START Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and are included by reference:

QA REPORTS TO MANAGEMENT
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES
RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
LOGBOOK PROGRAM
QUALITY-RELATED DOCUMENTS
INSPECTION/ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIES AND CONSUMABLES

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ATTACHMENT A: Site Location Map, and Site Map

ATTACHMENT B: EPA/ERT SOP Nos. 2006, 2007, 2012, 2050

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Presented herein is the Site Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the sampling event to be conducted at the Desoto Incorporated site by the Region II Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START). The site QAPP has been developed at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with the START Generic QAPP.

The sampling strategy listed within this plan emphasizes the collection of samples required to evaluate certain pathways of concern to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Program. This QAPP provides a description of the Desoto, Inc. (Desoto) site, and an evaluation of site conditions that START has conducted to determine if further action is warranted for the site. The analytical data generated from the sampling effort will be utilized to provide additional analytical data for the evaluation of the site.

This plan is based on information currently available and may be modified on site in light of field observations and other acquired information. All deviations from the Sampling QAPP will be noted in the Sampling Trip Report.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

START submitted the draft Site Inspection Prioritization (SIP) report for the Desoto site on 17 September 1999. The PREscope analysis of the Desoto site included a observed release to groundwater, no suspected release to surface water, an area of observed soil contamination, and a suspected release to air. NJDEP has conducted investigations in the areas surrounding the City of Camden Wellfields, in an effort to identify facilities using, storing, handling, and/or disposing of hazardous substances consistent with the compounds detected in the wellfield. START's evaluation was based on May 1999 laboratory analyses for the Pennsauken Landfill groundwater monitoring wells compared to analytical results of the soil sampling performed by the NJDEP on the Desoto property in 1991. PCE was detected in both soil and groundwater at the site, and was previously used at the Desoto site as part of its paint manufacturing processes. EPA requested START personnel to sample the Desoto property to obtain more conclusive evidence to determine what impact this site has on groundwater. Based on this request a site recon was performed by START and EPA on 24 May 2000 to evaluate potential sampling locations for soil and groundwater.

3.0 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The EPA Task Monitor (TM), Cathy Moyik, will provide overall direction to the staff concerning project sampling needs, objectives, and schedule. The Project Manager (PM), Joanne D'Onofrio, will be the primary point of contact with the TM. The PM is responsible for the development and completion of the Sampling QAPP, project team organization, and supervision of all project tasks,

including reporting and deliverables. The Site QC Coordinator, James Moore will be responsible for ensuring field adherence to the Sampling QAPP and recording of any deviations. The START Analytical Services Coordinator, Smita Sumbaly, will be the primary project team site contact with the subcontract laboratory.

START will arrange for the laboratory analysis. START personnel will transfer custody of the samples for shipment to the appropriate laboratories. The raw analytical data from the laboratory will be provided to the START Analytical Services Group for data validation.

The following sampling personnel will work on this project:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Joanne D'Onofrio	Project Manager, Field Coordinator
James Moore	Site QA/QC, Sampler
Michael Trupin	Site Health and Safety Coordinator (SHSC), Sampler
Robert Gascoyne	Sampler
Jess Anderson	Sampler

The following laboratories will provide the following analyses:

<u>Lab Name/Location</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>	<u>Parameters</u>
Organic Lab - TBD ¹	Soil	TCL organics (21 day turnaround)
Inorganic Lab - TBD	Soil	TAL inorganic (21 day turnaround)

1) TBD - To be determined

Standard turnaround time (2 weeks verbal, 3 weeks written) will be requested.

4.0 DATA USE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this sampling event is to document an on-site soil contamination source, and to document an observed release to groundwater.

4.1 Quality Assurance Objectives

The overall Quality Assurance (QA) objective for chemical measurement data associated with this sampling event is to provide analytical results that are legally defensible in a court of law. The QA program will incorporate Quality Control (QC) procedures for field sampling, chain of custody, laboratory analyses, and reporting to assure generation of sound analytical results.

The EPA TM has specified the use of the CLP for the TCL organic and TAL inorganic analyses for this project (i.e., critical level of QA [QA-2]). Details of this QA level are provided below.

The following requirements apply to the respective QA Objectives and parameters identified.

The QA Protocols for a Level 2 QA objective sampling event are applicable to all sample matrices and include:

1. Sample documentation in the form of field logbooks, appropriate field data sheets, and chain of custody records.
2. Calibration of all monitoring and/or field-portable analytical equipment prior to collection and analyses of samples with results and/or performance check procedures/methods summarized and documented in a field, personal, and/or instrument log notebook.
3. Field or laboratory determined method detection limits (MDLs) will be recorded along with corresponding analytical sample results, where appropriate.
4. Analytical holding times as determined from the time of sample collection through analysis. These will be documented in the field logbook or by the laboratory in the final data deliverable package.
5. Initial and continuous instrument calibration data.
6. QC blank results (rinsate, trip, method, preparation, instrument, etc.), as applicable.
7. Collection and analysis of blind field duplicate and MS/MSD QC samples to provide a quantitative measure of the analytical precision and accuracy, as applicable.
8. Use of the following QC procedure for QC analyses and data validation:
Definitive identification - confirm the identification of analytes on 100% of the critical samples, via an EPA-approved method; provide documentation such as gas chromatograms, mass spectra, etc.

The objective of this project/event applies to the following parameters:

Table 1: Quality Assurance Objectives

QA Parameters	Matrix	Intended Use of Data	QA Objective
TCL organics	Soil / Groundwater	Verify presence or absence of hazardous material	QA-2
TAL inorganic	Soil / Groundwater	Verify presence or absence of hazardous material	QA-2

A Field Sampling Summary is contained in Table 2 and a QA/QC Analysis and Objectives Summary is contained in Table 3. Section 5.1, Sampling Design, provides information on analyses to be performed on the individual samples.

**TABLE 2:
FIELD SAMPLING SUMMARY**

Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Container Size	Preservative	Holding Time ¹	Subtotal Samples	Trip blanks	Rinsate Blanks ²	Duplicate Samples	MS/MSD Samples	Total Field Samples
TCL VOAs	Soil/ sediment	2 x 4-oz. wide-mouth glass jar w/ Teflon septum caps	Cool to 4° C	10 days to analyze	16	N/A	2	1	1	20
TCL BNA/Pest/PCBs	Soil/ sediment	1 x 8-oz. wide mouth glass jar	Cool to 4° C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze	16	N/A	0	1	1	18
TAL Metals	Soil/ sediment	1 x 8-oz. wide mouth glass jar	Cool to 4° C	6 months to analyze (28 days for Hg)	16	N/A	0	1	1	18
TCL VOAs	Aqueous	2 x 40-mL glass vials w/ Teflon septum caps	Cool to 4° C HCl to pH < 2	14 days if preserved; 7 days if unpreserved	4 Grab 5 MW	2	1	1	1	14
TCL BNA/PCBs	Aqueous	4 x 1-L amber glass bottles	Cool to 4° C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze	4 Grab 5 MW	N/A	1	1	1	12
TAL Metals	Aqueous	1 x 1-L polyethylene bottle	Cool to 4° C HNO ₃ to pH < 2	6 months to analyze (28 days for Hg)	4 Grab 5 MW	N/A	1	1	1	12

¹ Holding time from date of sampling.

² Only required if non-dedicated sampling equipment to be used. NR - not required, dedicated sampling equipment to be used.

TABLE 3

QA/QC Analysis and Objectives Summary

Analytical Parameters	Matrix	Analytical Method Reference	QA/QC Quantitation Limits	QA Objective
TCL organics	Soil / Groundwater	CLP OLMO 4.2	As per method	QA-2
TAL inorganic	Soil / Groundwater	CLP ILMO 4.0	As per method	QA-2

Note: CLP-format deliverables required for all data packages.

5.0 APPROACH AND SAMPLING PROCEDURES

The following sampling activities will be conducted at the Desoto site:

Subsurface Soil Sampling
Grab Groundwater Sampling
Monitoring Well Sampling

5.1 Sampling Design

Sampling activities at the site will consist of 12 to 16 soil samples, plus one duplicate, and two rinsate and one QC sample (MS/MSD) blanks and up to 9 aqueous sample, plus one duplicate and rinsate blank, one trip blank and one MS/MSD. A total of 12 subsurface soil samples will be collected at four locations with a Geoprobe (or equivalent) sampling device and a grab groundwater sample will be collected at each location. The subsurface soil samples will be collected at varying intervals dependant upon the soil volume collected to a maximum depth of approximately 60 feet below ground surface. These soil borings and samples will be collected as follows:

1. One boring in the area of the former above ground storage tanks. A shallow soil sample will be collected at a depth of 1 to 4 feet below ground surface (bgs), with another sample collected above the groundwater table and the third soil sample will be collected at the depth of highest observed Photo Ionization Detector (PID) reading. A fourth soil sample may be collected at the discretion of the Task Manager. A duplicate sample will be collected at the shallow soil sampling interval (1 to 4 feet bgs). A groundwater sample will be collected at this location.
2. One boring in the area of the removed underground storage tank farm. A shallow soil sample will be collected at a depth of 6 to 10 feet bgs, with another sample collected above the groundwater table and the third soil sample will be collected at the depth of highest observed PID reading. A fourth soil sample may be collected at the discretion of the Task Manager. A groundwater sample and a duplicate, if possible, will be collected at this location.
3. One boring near in the area of the former clarifier tank. A shallow sample will be collected at a depth of 6 to 10 feet below ground surface (bgs), with another sample collected above the groundwater table and the third soil sample will be collected at the depth of highest observed PID reading. A fourth soil sample may be collected at the discretion of the Task Manager. A groundwater sample will be collected at this location.
4. One boring will be installed along the western portion of the property to evaluated background soil conditions. A shallow sample will be collected at a depth of 1 to 4 feet bgs, with another sample collected above the groundwater table and the third soil sample will be collected at the depth of highest observed PID reading. A fourth soil sample may be collected at the discretion of the Task Manager. A groundwater sample will be collected at this location.

In addition, groundwater samples will be collected from up to five (plus a duplicate) existing monitoring wells on the Aluminum Shapes property, which is located hydraulically up and side gradient from the Desoto property. The monitoring wells to be sampled will be determined by EPA.

Samples will be analyzed for TCL and TAL parameters.

5.2 Schedule of Activities

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>End Date</u>
mid-June 2000	Subsurface soil and groundwater sampling	mid-June 2000

5.3 Sampling Equipment

Decontaminated stainless steel bowls, trowels, and augers will be utilized for subsurface soil sample collection. In addition, decontaminated stainless steel drive heads and decontaminated 2" soil-sampling tubes, lined with disposable plastic liners, will be used. For grab groundwater sampling a bailer or peristaltic pump will be used to collect the grab groundwater samples at the Desoto site. Groundwater samples from wells at the Aluminum Shapes facility will be collected with two-inch Grundfos low flow pumps with teflon lined tubing.

5.4 Sample Identification System

Each sample collected by Region II START will be designated by a numeric code which will identify the site. The numeric code will be a site-specific project tracking number. The numeric code for the Desoto site is 6755. The media type will follow the numeric code. A hyphen will separate the site code and media type. Specific media types are as follows:

GW - Groundwater
SS - Subsurface Soil
TB - Trip Blank
RB - Rinsate Blank

After the media type, the sequential sample numbers will be listed; sample numbers will be identified as to their location area on a sample location map. A duplicate sample will be identified in the same manner as other samples and will be distinguished and documented in the field logbook.

5.5 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

5.5.1 Sample Documentation

All sample documents will be completed legibly, in ink. If errors are made, the error will be crossed out with a single line, initialed and dated.

Field Logbook

The field logbook is essentially a descriptive notebook detailing site activities and observations so that an accurate account of field procedures can be reconstructed in the writer's absence. The sampling team or individual performing a particular sampling activity is required to maintain a field logbook. The logbook shall be filled out at the location of sample collection immediately after sampling. All entries will be dated and signed by the individuals making the entries, and should include (at a minimum) the following:

1. Site name and project number.
2. Name(s) of personnel on site.
3. Dates and times of all entries (military time preferred).
4. Descriptions of all site activities, site entry and exit times.
5. Noteworthy events and discussions.
6. Weather conditions.
7. Site observations.
8. Sample no(s). and sample location identification and description.*
9. Subcontractor information and names of on-site personnel.
10. Date and time of sample collections, along with chain of custody information.
11. Record of photographs, if applicable.
12. Site sketches.

*The description of the sample location will be noted in such a manner as to allow the reader to reproduce the location in the field at a later date.

Sample Labels

Sample labels will clearly identify the particular sample, and should include the following:

1. Sample identification number.
2. CLP No., if appropriate.
3. Sample collection date and time.
4. Sample preservation.
5. Analytical parameters.

Additionally, the CLP case No. shall be noted on samples analyzed through the CLP. Sample labels will be written in indelible ink and securely affixed to the sample container.

Custody Seals

Custody seals demonstrate that a sample container has not been tampered with or opened. The individual in possession of the sample(s), the SMO, will sign and date the seal, affixing it in such a manner that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The name of this individual, along with a description of the sample packaging, will be noted in the field logbook.

5.5.2 Sampling SOPs

The following Sampling SOPs will be used for this project:

Decontamination

All stainless steel equipment involved in field sampling activities will be decontaminated in accordance to EPA/ERT SOP #2006 prior to and subsequent to sampling. Decontamination of sampling equipment will be kept to a minimum in the field; whenever possible, dedicated sampling equipment will be used. Decontamination of sampling equipment, including augers, soil-sampling tubes, trowels and bowls, will be conducted as follows:

1. Alconox detergent and potable water scrub,
2. Potable water rinse,
3. A 10% nitric acid rinse (ultra pure grade) when sampling for inorganic parameters,
4. Distilled or potable water rinse,
5. An acetone *only* rinse,
6. Deionized water rinse,
7. Air dry (sufficient time will be allowed for the equipment to completely dry), and
8. Wrap or cover exposed ends of sampling equipment with aluminum foil (shiny side out) for transport and handling.

Subsurface Soil Samples

Subsurface soil sampling activities will be conducted in accordance with guidelines outlined in EPA/ERT Geoprobe Operation SOP #2050 and EPA/ERT Soil Sampling SOP #2012 (Attachment B) The following procedures apply to the collection of subsurface soil, from a depth greater than

6 inches, using a Geoprobe sampling device and hand held augers:

1. Wear protective gear as specified in the site specific Health and safety Plan. Sampler will don new outer gloves prior to sampling at each location.
2. Remove unnecessary rocks, twigs, and other non-soil materials from the selected sampling location.
3. After a certified Geoprobe operator has properly assembled the machine, begin driving 2" diameter, soil-sampling tubes lined with a disposable plastic liner into the ground. For continuous sampling, add soil-sampling tubes until the maximum desired sampling depth is obtained.
4. Retract the soil-sampling tubes from the hole and inspect the sampling tubes to confirm that a sample was recovered.
5. Place plastic covers on either end of the sampling tubes, to prevent the loss of the sample.
6. Mark the top of the sample and the bottom and the appropriate depth intervals, i.e. 1', 2', etc.
7. Open the soil-sampling tubes and the plastic liner.
8. Fill the volatile sample bottles immediately so as not to compromise sample integrity.
9. Homogenize remaining soil for the non-volatile organic and inorganic analysis fractions in the bowl using a decontaminated, stainless steel utensil. Transfer the soil into the required sample containers. Homogenization will be conducted as per the following procedure:

After collection of the volatile sample fraction, the soil in the stainless steel bowl will be scraped from the sides, corners and bottom of the bowl, rolled to the middle of the bowl, and mixed. The soil will then be quartered and moved to the four corners of the bowl. Each quarter will then be mixed individually, and when completed be rolled to the center of the bowl and mixed once again.

10. Place the samples in a cooler and chill with ice. Samples will be hand-delivered or shipped within 24 hours of collection to the designated laboratories.
11. Fill out the field logbook, custody seals, sample labels, and chain of custody forms.

Grab Groundwater Samples

Grab groundwater sampling activities will be conducted in accordance with guidelines outlined in EPA/ERT Operation SOP # 2050 (Attachment B) The following procedures apply to the

collection of grab groundwater samples Geoprobe sampling device and collection device:

1. Wear protective gear as specified in the site specific Health and safety Plan. Sampler will don new outer gloves prior to sampling at each location.
2. Obtain necessary supplies (pumps, bailers and generators) to complete the sampling efforts.
3. Advance Geoprobe to the desired depth. Remove the drive cap and insert the water-level indicator to determine if water has entered the slotted sections of probe rod.
4. If water is not detected in probe rods, replace the drive cap and continue probing until water is available in sufficient quantity to sample the location.
5. After probe rods have been driven into the saturated formation, allow sufficient time for the water-level to stabilize.
6. Groundwater samples should be collected with a mini bailer or pumping device. VOA samples will always be collected first. Remaining samples should be collected making sure that sufficient quantity of water is available for analysis.
7. Remove rods from sampling location.
8. Add ice to cooler and chill samples. Samples will be hand-delivered or shipped within 24 hours of collection to the designated laboratories.
9. Fill out the field logbook, custody seals, sample labels, and chain of custody forms.

Monitoring Well Groundwater Samples

Subsurface soil sampling activities will be conducted in accordance with guidelines outlined in EPA/ERT SOP # 2007 (Attachment B) at locations determined by EPA. The following procedures apply to the collection of groundwater samples from monitoring wells using low flow groundwater sampling techniques:

1. Wear protective gear as specified in the site specific Health and safety Plan. Sampler will don new outer gloves prior to sampling at each location.
2. Obtain necessary supplies (pumps, bailers and generators) to complete the sampling efforts.
3. Lay plastic sheeting around the well to prevent contamination of hoses, pumps or lines.
4. Assemble the hoses, pump and safety line and lower pump into well.
5. Attach pump power cord to power supply and commence purging operations following EPA low flow sampling procedures.
6. Evacuate purge water until parameter stabilization for pH, conductivity,

temperature is achieved. If pump rate exceeds the well recharge rate, lower pump further into the well and decrease pump rate.

7. Once the field parameters have stabilized, assemble bottles for sample collection. Fill VOA vials first with out overfilling sample contains. Cap the sample container tightly and place a prelabeled sample container in the carrier.
- 8 Add ice to cooler and chill samples. Samples will be hand-delivered or shipped within 24 hours of collection to the designated laboratories.
9. Fill out the field logbook, custody seals, sample labels, and chain of custody forms.

This sampling design is based on information currently available and may be modified on site in light of field observations and other acquired information. All deviations from the sampling plan will be noted in the Sampling Trip Report.

5.5.3 Sample Handling and Shipment

Samples will be packaged and shipped according to the U.S. EPA User's Guide to the Contract Laboratory Program (January 1991). Chain of custody forms, sample labels, custody seals, and other sample documents will be completed as specified in that manual. All entries will be made in permanent ink. If errors are made when completing any of these forms, the error will be crossed out with a single line, initialed, and dated by the sampler. Each environmental sample will be properly identified and sealed in a polyethylene bag. The bag shall then be placed in a plastic cooler which has also been lined with a large polyethylene bag. When required, samples shall be packed with sufficient ice (sealed in polyethylene bags) to cool the samples to 4 C. Sufficient non-combustible, absorbent cushioning material shall be placed in the cooler so as to minimize the possibility of container breakage. All sample documents will be sealed in a plastic bag and affixed to the underside of each cooler lid. The large plastic bag shall then be sealed and the container closed. The lid will be sealed and custody seals and strapping tape shall then be affixed to the outer packaging so that any sign of tampering is easily visible. All packaging will conform to International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations for overnight carriers. Sample shipment will conform to Roy F. Weston, Inc., Guidelines for Classifying Field Sample Shipments and the most current IAA Dangerous Goods Regulations. All samples will either be hand-delivered or shipped via common carriers to the laboratory within 24 hours of collection.

5.6 Sample Containers

Sample bottles will meet all guidelines specified in OSWER Directive 9240.0-05A, Specifications and Guidance for Contaminant-Free Sample Containers (July 1989). The required sample containers are listed in Table 2.

5.7 Disposal of PPE and contaminated sampling materials

All used PPE and disposable sampling equipment will be decontaminated and then placed into garbage bags and discarded in the EPA dumpster.

6.0 SAMPLE CUSTODY

The SMO will prepare and maintain appropriate chain of custody records from the time the sample is collected until samples are dropped off for delivery to the laboratories. USEPA CLP Organic and Inorganic Traffic Reports and Chain of Custody Records must be used for samples analyzed through the CLP. Every transfer of custody must be noted and signed for, and a copy of this record kept by each individual who has signed. When samples (or groups of samples) are not under direct control of the individual responsible for them, they must be stored in a locked container sealed with a custody seal. Specific information regarding custody of the samples projected to be collected on the weekend will be noted in the field logbook.

The chain of custody record should include (at minimum) the following:

1. Sample identification number and CLP No(s), as applicable.
2. Sample information (e.g., matrix, concentration, type, preservation).
3. Analysis(es).
4. Sample date and time.
5. Name(s) and signature(s) of sampler(s).
6. Signature(s) of any individual(s) with control over samples.

Additionally, the CLP Case No., Site Name, Location, CERCLIS ID No., Region No., Laboratory, Carrier, and Airbill No. must be reported on the chain of custody reports for all samples analyzed through the CLP. A separate chain of custody form must accompany each cooler for each daily shipment. The chain of custody form must address all samples in that cooler, but not address samples in any other cooler. This practice maintains the chain of custody for all samples in case of mis-shipment.

7.0 FIELD INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

The sampling team is responsible for assuring that a calibration/maintenance log will be brought into the field and maintained for each measuring device. Each log will include at a minimum, where applicable:

name of device and/or instrument calibrated
device/instrument serial and/or ID number
frequency of calibration

date of calibration
results of calibration
name of person performing the calibration
identification of the calibrant (PID, FID, pH meter)

Equipment to be used each day will be calibrated prior to the commencement of daily activities.

8.0 ANALYTICAL METHODS

Analytical methods to be utilized in the analyses of samples collected during this sampling event are listed in Table 3.

9.0 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION AND REPORTING

9.1 Deliverables

The START PM, Joanne D'Onofrio, will maintain contact with the EPA TM, Cathy Moyik, to keep her informed about the technical and financial progress of this project. This communication will commence with the issuance of the work assignment and project scoping meeting. Activities under this project will be reported in status and trip reports and other deliverables (e.g., analytical reports, final reports) described herein. Activities will also be summarized in appropriate format for inclusion in monthly and annual reports.

The following deliverables will be provided under this project:

Trip Report

A trip report will be prepared to provide a detailed accounting of what occurred during each sampling mobilization. The trip report will be prepared within one week of the last day of each sampling mobilization. Information will be provided on time of major events, dates, and personnel on site (including affiliations).

Maps/Figures

Maps depicting site layout, potential contaminant source areas, and sample locations will be included in the trip report, as appropriate.

Analytical Report

An analytical report will be prepared for the samples analyzed under this plan. Information regarding the analytical methods or procedures employed, sample results, QA/QC results, chain of custody documentation, laboratory correspondence and raw data will be provided within this deliverable.

Data Review

A review of the data generated under this plan will be undertaken. The assessment of data acceptability or useability will be provided separately, or as part of the analytical report.

9.2 Data Validation

Data generated under this QA/QC Sampling Plan will be evaluated according to criteria contained in the Removal Program Data Validation Procedures that accompany OSWER Directive number 9360.4-1 and in accordance with Region 2 guidelines.

Laboratory analytical results will be assessed by the data reviewer for compliance with required precision, accuracy, completeness, representativeness and sensitivity.

10.0 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS AND FREQUENCY

This section details the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) requirements for field activities performed during the sampling effort.

QA/QC samples will include the collection of one field duplicate and one MS/MSD sample for each matrix (e.g., solid or aqueous) at a ratio of 1 per 20 samples (for QA-2 [e.g., CLP]). The analysis of CLP TCL/TAL parameters for the MS/MSD sample will involve the collection of triple sample volume for aqueous samples. The extra sample volume will be submitted to allow the laboratory to perform matrix spike sample analysis. This analysis provides information about the effect of sample matrix on digestion and measurement methodology. Field duplicate samples provide an indication of analytical variability and analytical error (e.g., reproducibility) and will not be identified to the laboratory.

A trip blank will be collected for events involving aqueous sampling for VOCs. A trip blank is an aliquot of deionized (DI) analyte-free water which is prepared in the field prior to the initiation of field work and sealed in 40-mL glass vials with Teflon-lined septum caps. Analytical results of the trip blank sample are utilized during sample data validation to determine if any cross contamination has occurred between samples during shipment/storage, or if on-site atmospheric contaminants are seeping into the sample vials. These sealed bottles will be placed in a plastic cooler and will accompany field personnel to the sampling locations.

The distilled deionized (DI) water utilized for the trip blanks will be certified as such. A copy of this certificate will be kept on site and another in the site-specific project file. The criteria to be demonstrated as analyte-free will be consistent with that specified in the U.S. EPA Region II CERCLA Quality Assurance Manual (October 1989), and is as follows:

Purgeable organics < 10 ppb

Inorganics < CRDL

where the CRQL is represented by the Contract Required Quantitation Limit and the CRDL is represented by the Contract Required Detection Limit in the most recent CLP Statement of Work. For specific common laboratory contaminants such as methylene chloride, acetone, toluene, and 2-butanone, the allowable limits are three times the respective 21CRQLs.

Field Rinsate Blanks will be collected when non-dedicated sampling equipment is used. A field rinsate blank will consist of distilled deionized (DI), analyte-free water that has been poured over decontaminated sampling equipment. The field rinsate blank analytical results will be utilized in evaluation of potential cross contamination resulting from inadequate decontamination only if non-dedicated sampling equipment is used. The frequency of field rinsate blank collection is one blank per decontamination event per type of equipment, not to exceed more than one per day. Blanks will be collected for all parameters of interest (excluding physical parameters) and shipped with the samples collected the same day. Field rinsate blanks will be collected by Region II START.

Field rinsate blanks will be collected in accordance with the procedure listed below:

1. Decontaminate sampling equipment using the procedure specified in Section 5.5.2 of this plan.
2. Pour DI water over the sampling device and collect the rinsate in the appropriate sample containers.

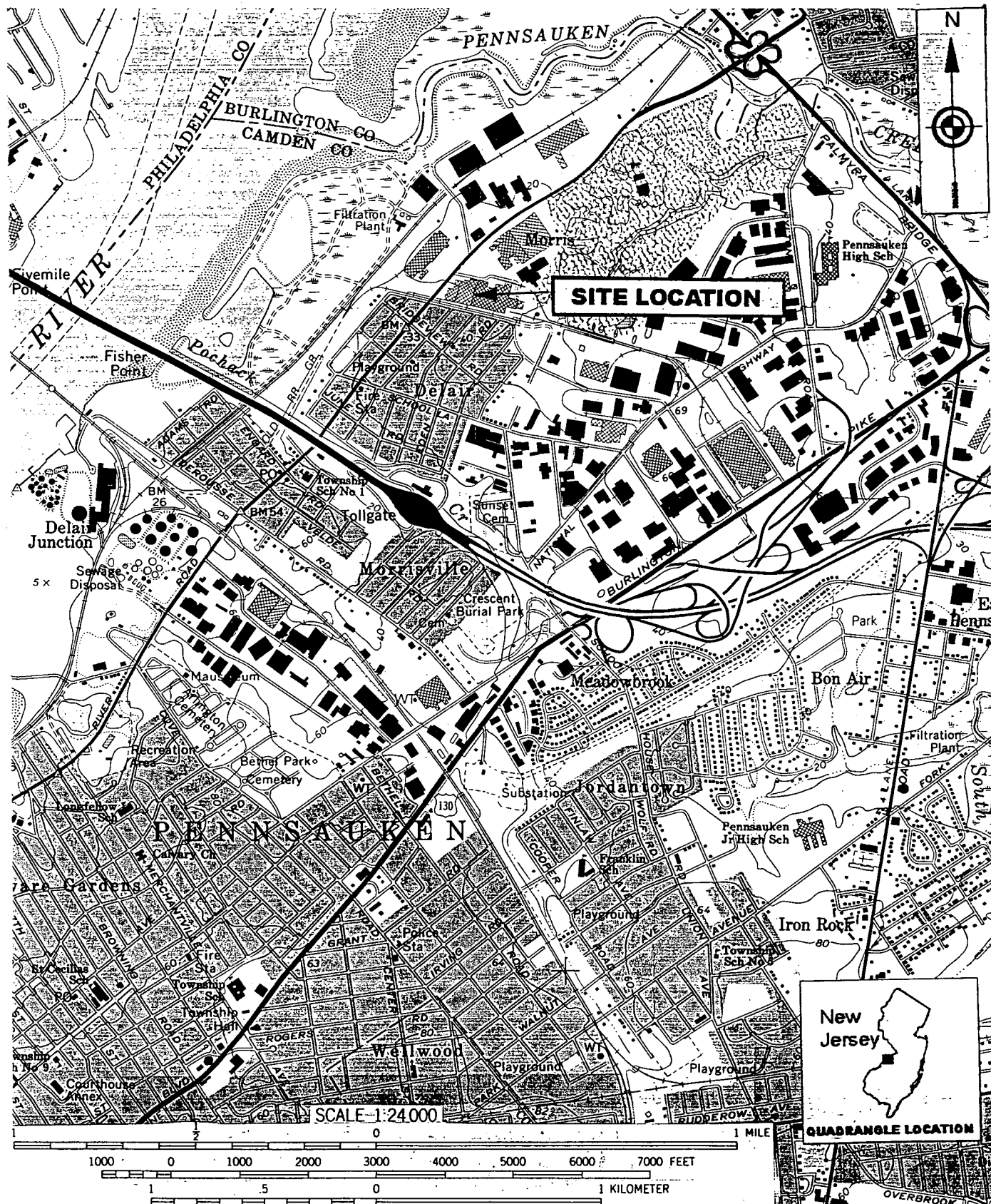
11.0 SYSTEM AUDIT

The Field QA/QC Officer will observe sampling operations to ensure compliance with the QA/QC requirements of the project/sampling event.

12.0 CORRECTIVE ACTION

All provisions will be taken in the field and laboratory to ensure that any problems that may develop will be dealt with as quickly as possible to ensure the continuity of the project/sampling events. Any deviations from this sampling plan will be noted in the final report.

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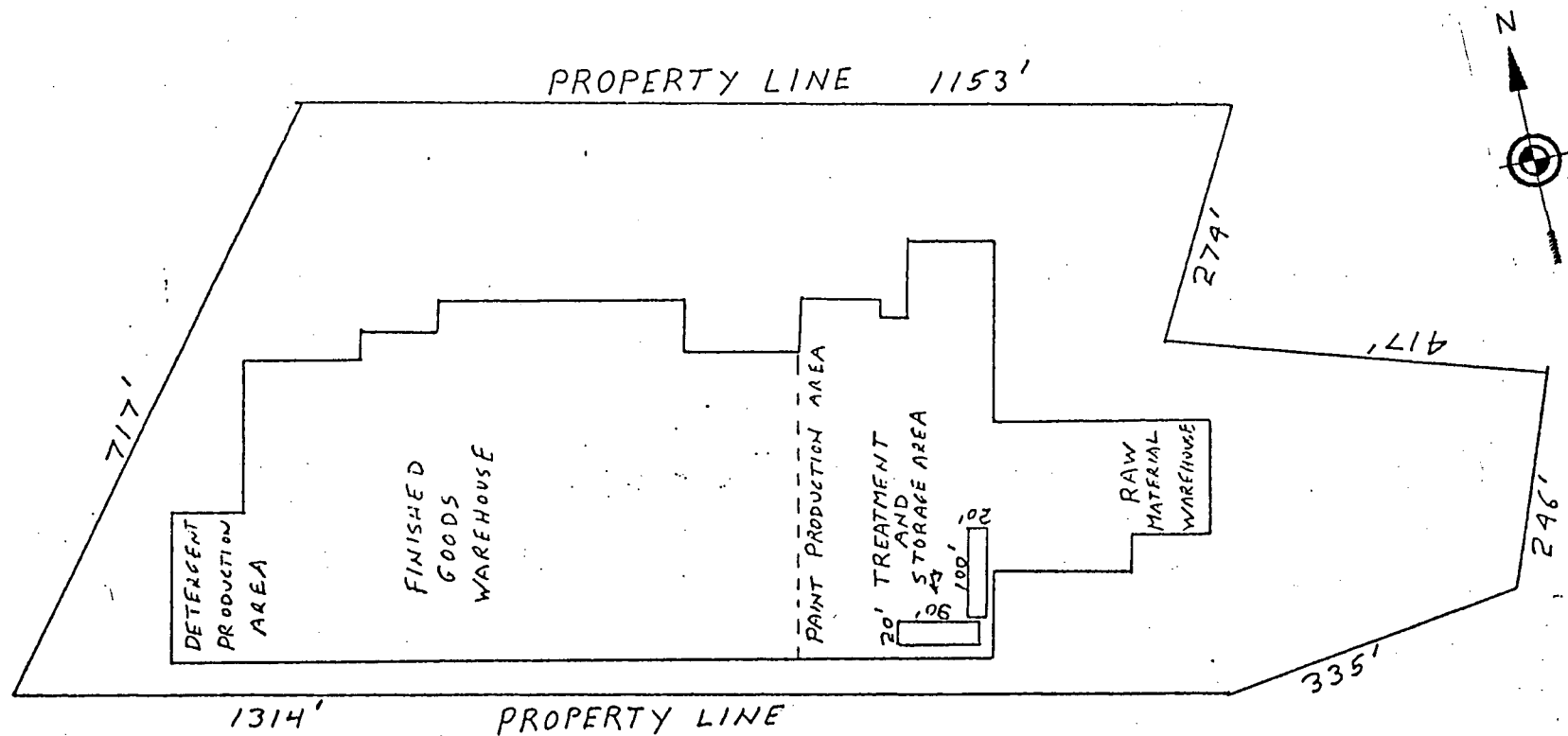
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 Site Location
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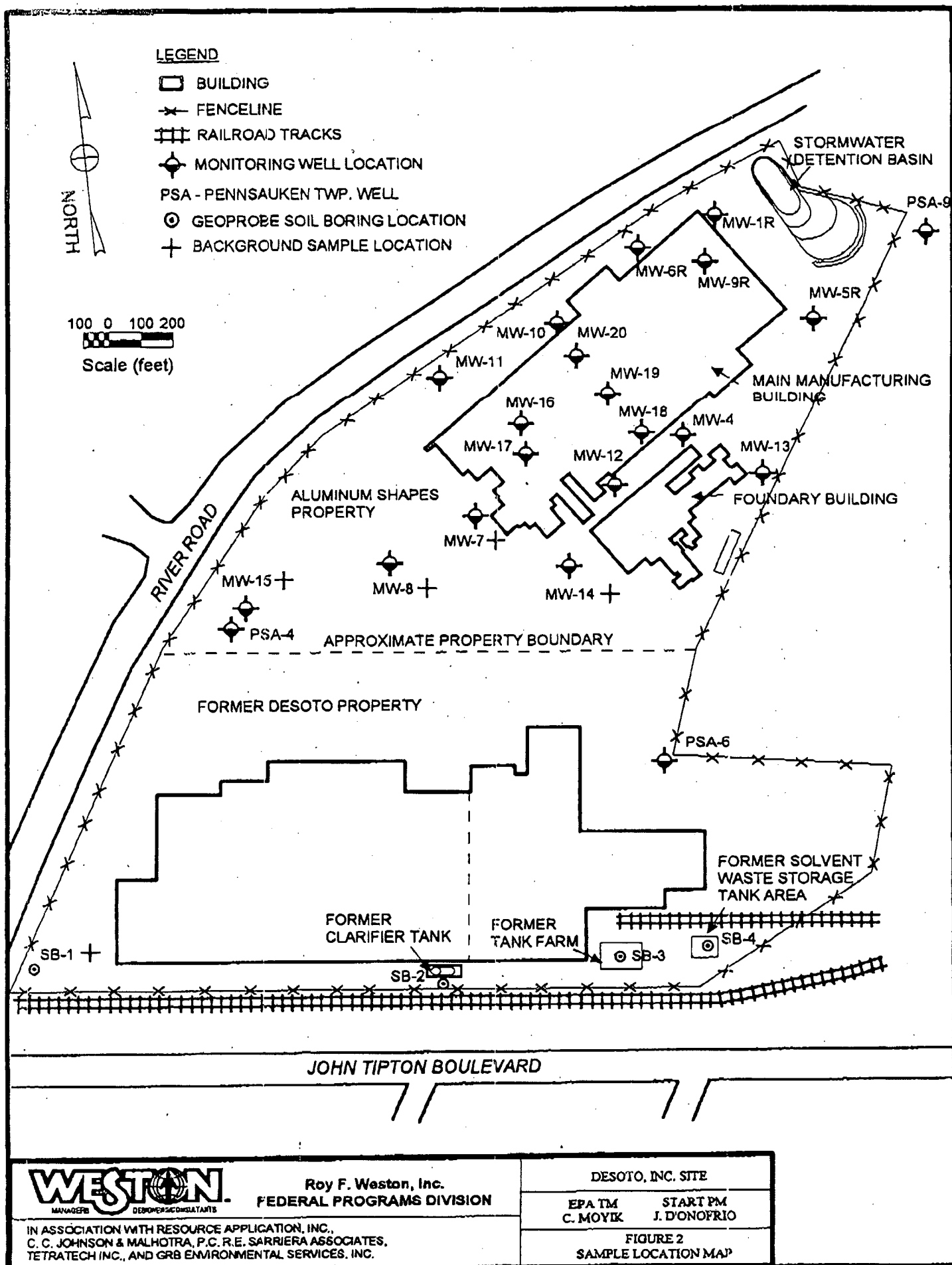
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ATTACHMENT B: **EPA/ERT SOP Nos. 2006, 2007, 2012, 2050**

**TABLE 4
PROPOSED SAMPLING**

Sample Location	Sample Identification	Sample Matrix	Sample Depth (approx.)	Description and Rationale
SB-1	SS-1A	Soil	1 to 4 ft bgs	Background soil sample collected from the western portion of the Desoto property in an area deemed to be free from impact of site activities.
SB-1	SS-1B	Soil		Background soil sample collected at the groundwater table.
SB-1	SS-1C	Soil		Background soil sample with the highest PID reading.
SB-1	GW-1	Aqueous	40 to 60 ft bgs	Background grab water sample.
SB-2	SS-2A	Soil	6 to 10 ft bgs	Grab soil sample collected near the bottom of the former clarifier tank to determine impact to groundwater.
SB-2	SS-2B	Soil		Grab soil sample at the ground water table.
SB-2	SS-2C	Soil		Grab soil sample with the highest PID reading.
SB-2	GW-2	Aqueous	40 to 60 ft bgs	Grab water sample.
SB-3	SS-3A	Soil	6 to 10 ft bgs	Grab soil sample collected in the former underground storage tank farm to determine impact to groundwater.
SB-3	SS-3B	Soil		Grab soil sample at the ground water table.
SB-3	SS-3C	Soil		Grab soil sample with the highest PID reading.
SB-3	GW-3	Aqueous	40 to 60 ft bgs	Grab water sample.
SB-4	SS-4A	Soil	1 to 4 ft bgs	Grab soil sample collected in the former aboveground solvent waste storage tank area to determine impact to groundwater.
SB-4	SS-4B	Soil		Grab soil sample at the ground water table.
SB-4	SS-4C	Soil		Grab soil sample with the highest PID reading.
SB-4	GW-4	Aqueous	40 to 60 ft bgs	Grab water sample.
MW-7	MW-7	Aqueous	NA	Background monitoring well water sample to determine background groundwater conditions.
MW-8	MW-8	Aqueous	NA	Background monitoring well water sample to determine background groundwater conditions.
MW-14	MW-14	Aqueous	NA	Background monitoring well water sample to determine background groundwater conditions.
MW-15	MW-15	Aqueous	NA	Background monitoring well water sample to determine background groundwater conditions.

Note: NA - Not Applicable



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FIGURE 2
SAMPLE LOCATION MAP



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Subject: Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps
Aluminum Shapes, L.L.C., River Road, Delair, New Jersey
Advanced Environmental Solutions Project #262-1

Dear Jim:

This transmits the balance of documents you requested during your visit to the former DeSoto Chemical (DeSoto) site on May 24, 2000. You requested drilling logs for the two Aluminum Shapes monitoring wells (MW-14 and MW-15) located on the former DeSoto property and recent groundwater elevation contour maps for the Aluminum Shapes site. We have already transmitted the drilling logs in a letter to you dated June 1, 2000. Groundwater elevation contour maps based on April 28, 2000 and May 25, 2000 synoptic water level measurements (see enclosed Table 1) taken at the Aluminum Shapes facility are attached.

The Aluminum Shapes monitoring wells and Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill (PSL) monitoring well PSA-4 are screened in the shallow unconfined groundwater in the Middle Aquifer of the Potomac Raritan Magothly Formation (PRM). The drilling log for PSA-6 indicate that it is approximately 20 to 30 feet deeper than the other monitoring wells and is screened below a clay layer. Advanced Environmental Solutions did not include data from PSA-6 on the groundwater elevation contour maps because it believes that PSA-6 is representative of the confined Lower Aquifer of the PRM. Also, Aluminum Shapes does not measure the groundwater elevation in well PSL-4 due to its proximity to well MW-15.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

Steffi Pharo, P.G.

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Table 1
Groundwater Depth & Elevation Measurements
Aluminum Shapes, L.L.C.
Delair, New Jersey

Well No.	Depth to Water (feet)		Groundwater Elevation (feet, MSL)	
	04/28/2000	05/25/2000	04/28/2000	05/25/2000
MW-1R	38.79	38.26	-13.88	-13.35
MW-4	48.24	47.76	-14.57	-14.09
MW-5R	43.09	42.61	-14.87	-14.39
MW-6R	37.30	36.77	-13.24	-12.71
MW-7	43.78	43.65	-12.93	-12.80
MW-8	40.94	40.76	-13.02	-12.84
MW-9R	NM	43.28	NM	-14.04
MW-10	42.89	42.37	-14.26	-13.74
MW-11	42.81	42.20	-13.94	-13.33
MW-12	47.22	46.77	-14.45	-14.00
MW-13	48.32	47.84	-14.80	-14.32
MW-14	44.25	44.06	-13.42	-13.23
MW-15	37.25	36.38	-14.79	-13.92
MW-16	46.62	46.29	-13.60	-13.27
MW-17	46.64	46.32	-13.74	-13.42
MW-18	47.33	46.84	-14.45	-13.96
MW-19	47.34	46.89	-14.29	-13.84
MW-20	42.83	42.41	-14.05	-13.63
PSL-6	55.45	54.90	-15.96	-15.41
PSL-9	43.49	43.01	-14.51	-14.03

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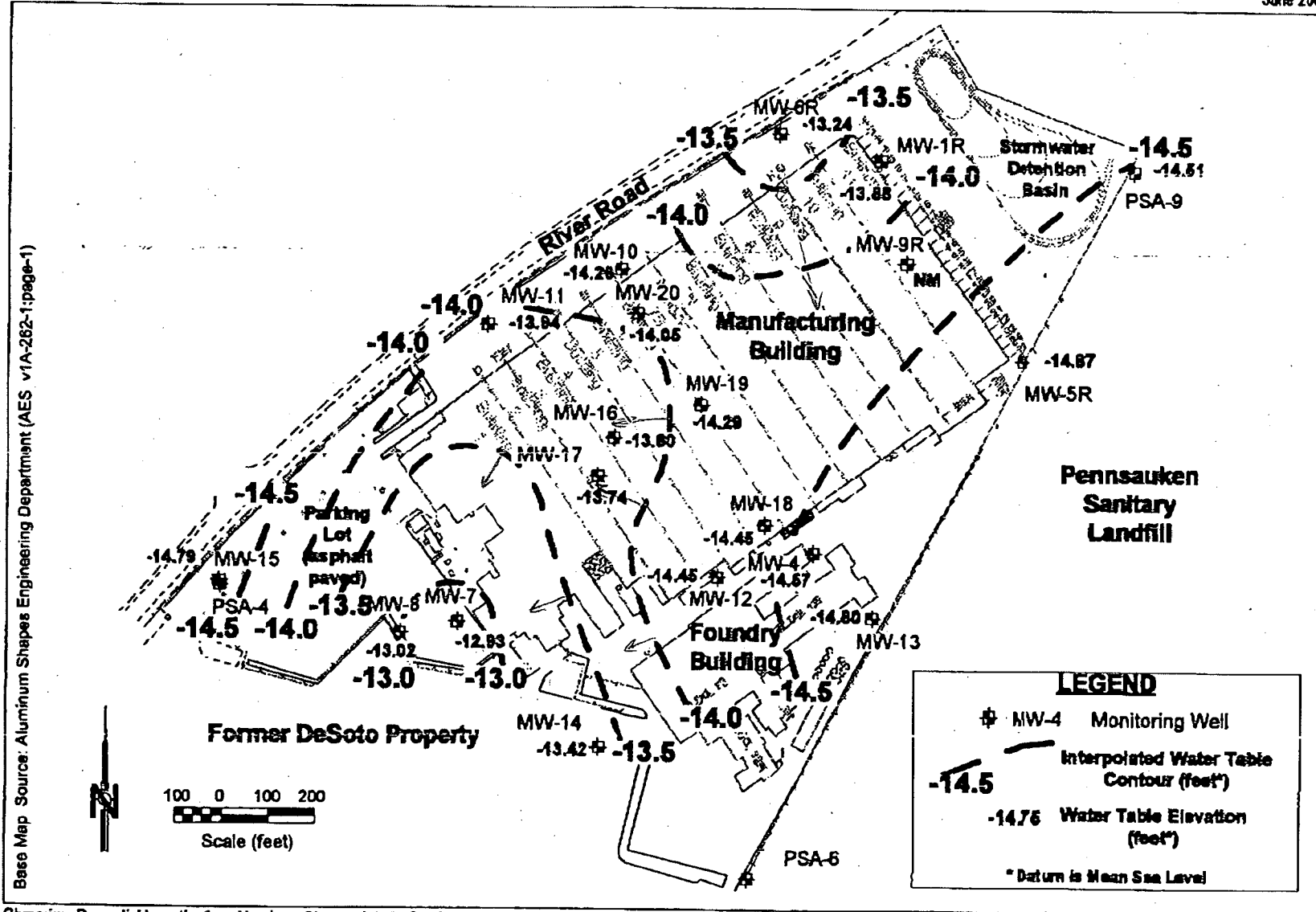
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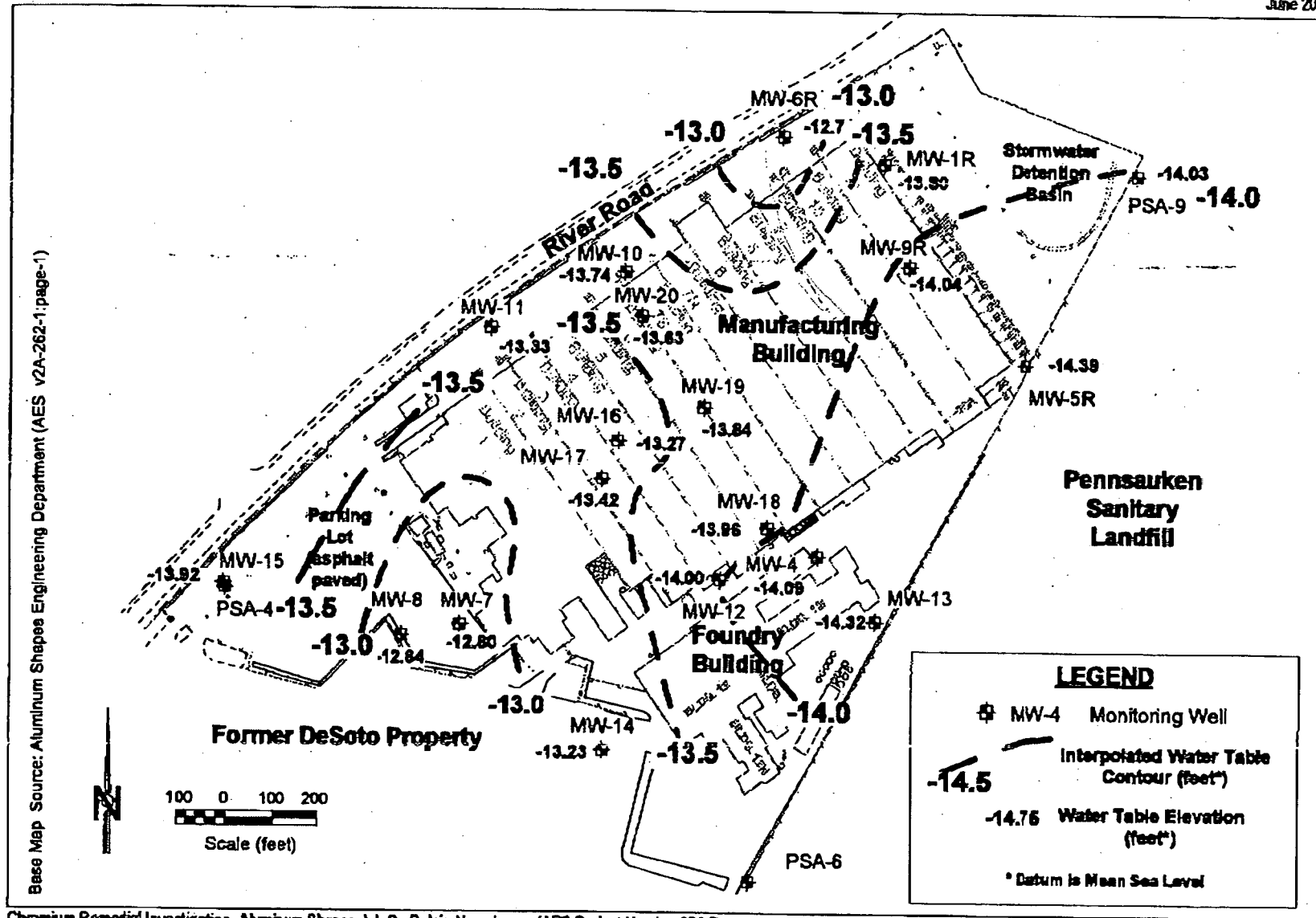
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Figure 1
April 28, 2000 Groundwater Contours



Chromium Remedial Investigation, Aluminum Shapes, LLC., Detroit, New Jersey (AES Project Number 254-5)

May 25, 2000 Groundwater Contours
Figure 2



Chromium Remedial Investigation, Aluminum Shapes, L.L.C., Delair, New Jersey (AES Project Number 254-5)



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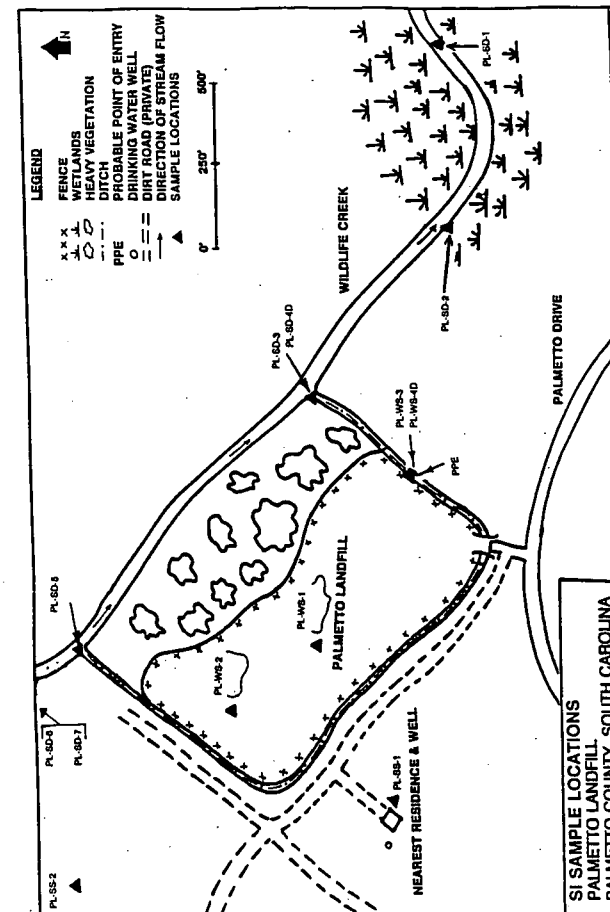
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PURPOSE	SAMPLE	LOCATION AND OBJECTIVE
Ground Water	PL-GW-1	Well 300' S of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-GW-3	Well 1200' SE of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-GW-4	Well 1200' NE of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-GW-5	Well 1000' N of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-GW-6	Well 1200' N of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-GW-7	Well 1200' N of landfill, determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
QA/QC	PL-GW-8	Field blank for detection of contaminated vials or preservatives or errors in sampling protocol
	PL-GW-2D	Duplicate of PL-GW-1
Surface Water Sediment	PL-SD-1	500' downstream of PL-SD-2 to determine presence/absence of hazardous substances in wetland and establish frontage of contaminated wetland
	PL-SD-2	Most upstream portion of wetland to determine presence/absence of hazardous substances in wetland
	PL-SD-3	NE intersection of drainage ditch and Wildlife Creek to determine presence/absence of hazardous substances in fishery
	PL-SD-5	NW intersection of drainage ditch and Wildlife Creek to determine presence/absence of hazardous substances in fishery
	PL-SD-6	100' upstream of the PPE into creek to determine presence/absence of hazardous substances
	PL-SD-7	200' upstream of the PPE into creek to determine absence of hazardous substances
QA/QC	PL-SD-4D	Duplicate of PL-SD-3
Soil	PL-SS-1	From nearest residential property 300' SW of landfill at depth of 1.5' to determine if hazardous substances from the site are on residential property
	PL-SS-2	Native soil 1500' NW of landfill to represent background conditions
Waste Sources	PL-WS-1	Waste sample at depth of 0.5' from landfill depression to determine types and concentrations of hazardous substances onsite
	PL-WS-2	Soil from area of stressed vegetation at depth of 0.5' to determine types and concentrations of hazardous substances onsite
	PL-WS-3	Leachate from east side of ditch to determine types and concentrations of hazardous substances onsite; also to detect observed release to surface water
QA/QC	PL-WS-4D	Duplicate of PL-WS-3

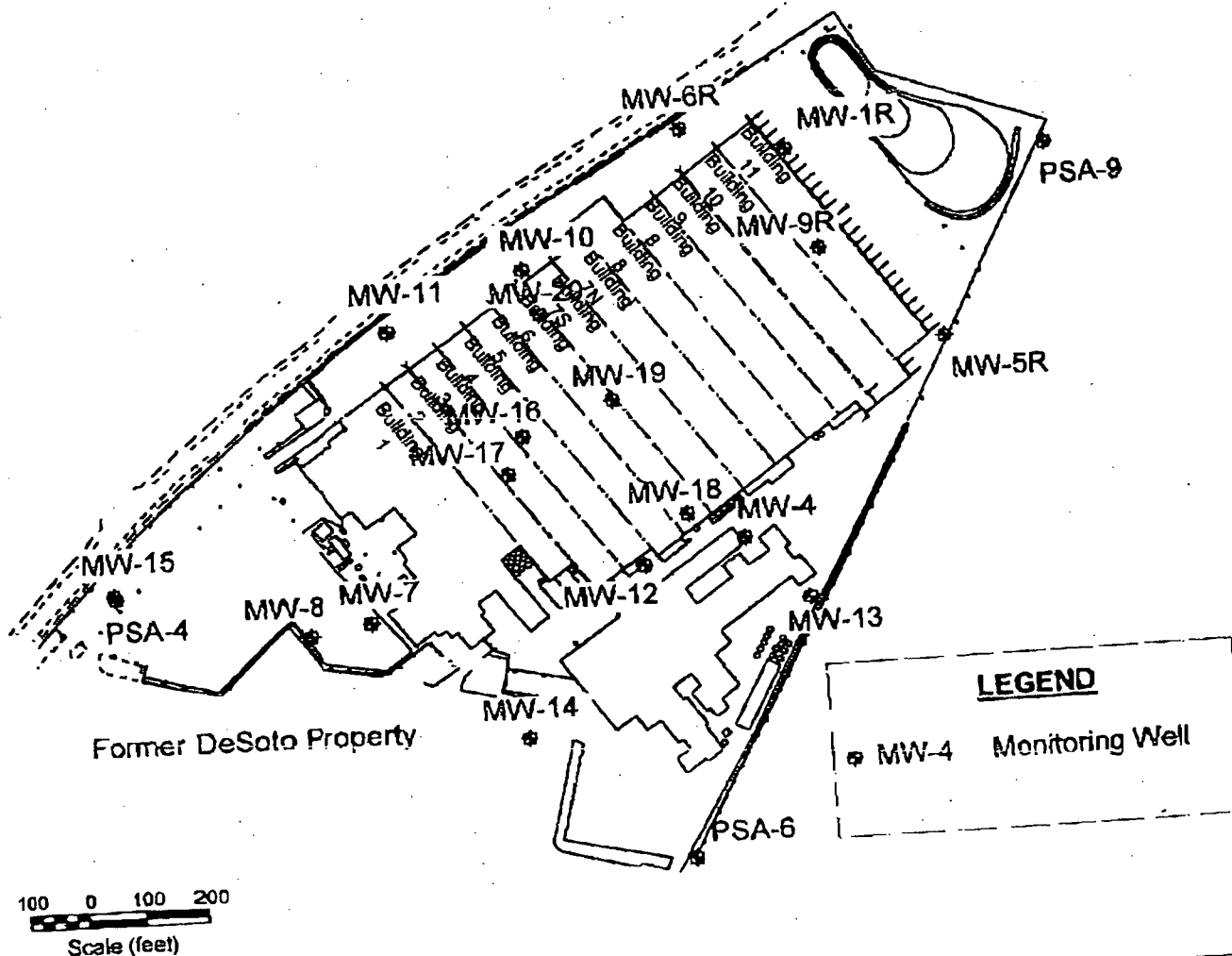
FIGURE 1: SAMPLE LOCATIONS
Source, Surface Water Sediment, and Soil

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Monitoring Well Locations

Figure 1



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EPA/ERT SOPs



SAMPLING EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION

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1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide a description of the methods used for preventing, minimizing, or limiting cross-contamination of samples due to inappropriate or inadequate equipment decontamination and to provide general guidelines for developing decontamination procedures for sampling equipment to be used during hazardous waste operations as per 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.120. This SOP does not address personnel decontamination.

These are standard (i.e. typically applicable) operating procedures which may be varied or changed as required, dependent upon site conditions, equipment limitation, or limitations imposed by the procedure. In all instances, the ultimate procedures employed should be documented and associated with the final report.

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2.0 METHOD SUMMARY

Removing or neutralizing contaminants from equipment minimizes the likelihood of sample cross contamination, reduces or eliminates transfer of contaminants to clean areas, and prevents the mixing of incompatible substances.

Gross contamination can be removed by physical decontamination procedures. These abrasive and non-abrasive methods include the use of brushes, air and wet blasting, and high and low pressure water cleaning.

The first step, a soap and water wash, removes all visible particulate matter and residual oils and grease. This may be preceded by a steam or high pressure

water wash to facilitate residuals removal. The second step involves a tap water rinse and a distilled/deionized water rinse to remove the detergent. An acid rinse provides a low pH media for trace metals removal and is included in the decontamination process if metal samples are to be collected. It is followed by another distilled/deionized water rinse. If sample analysis does not include metals, the acid rinse step can be omitted. Next, a high purity solvent rinse is performed for trace organics removal if organics are a concern at the site. Typical solvents used for removal of organic contaminants include acetone, hexane, or water. Acetone is typically chosen because it is an excellent solvent, miscible in water, and not a target analyte on the Priority Pollutant List. If acetone is known to be a contaminant of concern at a given site or if Target Compound List analysis (which includes acetone) is to be performed, another solvent may be substituted. The solvent must be allowed to evaporate completely and then a final distilled/deionized water rinse is performed. This rinse removes any residual traces of the solvent.

The decontamination procedure described above may be summarized as follows:

1. Physical removal
2. Non-phosphate detergent wash
3. Tap water rinse
4. Distilled/deionized water rinse
5. 10% nitric acid rinse
6. Distilled/deionized water rinse
7. Solvent rinse (pesticide grade)
8. Air dry
9. Distilled/deionized water rinse

If a particular contaminant fraction is not present at the site, the nine (9) step decontamination procedure specified above may be modified for site specificity. For example, the nitric acid rinse may be eliminated if metals are not of concern at a site. Similarly, the solvent rinse may be eliminated if organics are not of

concern at a site. Modifications to the standard procedure should be documented in the site specific work plan or subsequent report.

3.0 SAMPLE PRESERVATION, CONTAINERS, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The amount of sample to be collected and the proper sample container type (i.e., glass, plastic), chemical preservation, and storage requirements are dependent on the matrix being sampled and the parameter(s) of interest.

More specifically, sample collection and analysis of decontamination waste may be required before beginning proper disposal of decontamination liquids and solids generated at a site. This should be determined prior to initiation of site activities.

4.0 INTERFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

- C The use of distilled/deionized water commonly available from commercial vendors may be acceptable for decontamination of sampling equipment provided that it has been verified by laboratory analysis to be analyte free (specifically for the contaminants of concern).
- C The use of an untreated potable water supply is not an acceptable substitute for tap water. Tap water may be used from any municipal or industrial water treatment system.
- C If acids or solvents are utilized in decontamination they raise health and safety, and waste disposal concerns.
- C Damage can be incurred by acid and solvent washing of complex and sophisticated sampling equipment.

5.0 EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS

Decontamination equipment, materials, and supplies are generally selected based on availability. Other considerations include the ease of decontaminating or disposing of the equipment. Most equipment and supplies can be easily procured. For example, soft-bristle scrub brushes or long-handled bottle brushes can be used to remove contaminants. Large galvanized wash tubs, stock tanks, or buckets can hold wash and rinse solutions. Children's wading pools can

also be used. Large plastic garbage cans or other similar containers lined with plastic bags can help segregate contaminated equipment. Contaminated liquid can be stored temporarily in metal or plastic cans or drums.

The following standard materials and equipment are recommended for decontamination activities:

5.1 Decontamination Solutions

- C Non-phosphate detergent
- C Selected solvents (acetone, hexane, nitric acid, etc.)
- C Tap water
- C Distilled or deionized water

5.2 Decontamination Tools/Supplies

- C Long and short handled brushes
- C Bottle brushes
- C Drop cloth/plastic sheeting
- C Paper towels
- C Plastic or galvanized tubs or buckets
- C Pressurized sprayers (H₂O)
- C Solvent sprayers
- C Aluminum foil

5.3 Health and Safety Equipment

Appropriate personal protective equipment (i.e., safety glasses or splash shield, appropriate gloves, aprons or coveralls, respirator, emergency eye wash)

5.4 Waste Disposal

- C Trash bags
- C Trash containers
- C 55-gallon drums
- C Metal/plastic buckets/containers for storage and disposal of decontamination solutions

6.0 REAGENTS

There are no reagents used in this procedure aside from the actual decontamination solutions. Table 1 (Appendix A) lists solvent rinses which may be required for elimination of particular chemicals. In general, the following solvents are typically utilized for decontamination purposes:

- C 10% nitric acid is typically used for inorganic compounds such as metals. An acid rinse may not be required if inorganics are not a contaminant of concern.
- C Acetone (pesticide grade)⁽¹⁾
- C Hexane (pesticide grade)⁽¹⁾
- C Methanol⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ - Only if sample is to be analyzed for organics.

7.0 PROCEDURES

As part of the health and safety plan, a decontamination plan should be developed and reviewed. The decontamination line should be set up before any personnel or equipment enter the areas of potential exposure. The equipment decontamination plan should include:

- C The number, location, and layout of decontamination stations.
- C Decontamination equipment needed.
- C Appropriate decontamination methods.
- C Methods for disposal of contaminated clothing, equipment, and solutions.
- C Procedures can be established to minimize the potential for contamination. This may include: (1) work practices that minimize contact with potential contaminants; (2) using remote sampling techniques; (3) covering monitoring and sampling equipment with plastic, aluminum foil, or other protective material; (4) watering down dusty areas; (5) avoiding laying down equipment in areas of obvious contamination; and (6) use of disposable sampling equipment.

7.1 Decontamination Methods

All samples and equipment leaving the contaminated area of a site must be decontaminated to remove any contamination that may have adhered to equipment. Various decontamination methods will remove contaminants by: (1) flushing or other physical action, or (2) chemical complexing to inactivate contaminants by neutralization, chemical reaction, disinfection, or sterilization.

Physical decontamination techniques can be grouped into two categories: abrasive methods and non-abrasive methods, as follows:

7.1.1 Abrasive Cleaning Methods

Abrasive cleaning methods work by rubbing and wearing away the top layer of the surface containing the contaminant. The mechanical abrasive cleaning methods are most commonly used at hazardous waste sites. The following abrasive methods are available:

Mechanical

Mechanical methods of decontamination include using metal or nylon brushes. The amount and type of contaminants removed will vary with the hardness of bristles, length of time brushed, degree of brush contact, degree of contamination, nature of the surface being cleaned, and degree of contaminant adherence to the surface.

Air Blasting

Air blasting equipment uses compressed air to force abrasive material through a nozzle at high velocities. The distance between nozzle and surface cleaned, air pressure, time of application, and angle at which the abrasive strikes the surface will dictate cleaning efficiency. Disadvantages of this method are the inability to control the amount of material removed and the large amount of waste generated.

Wet Blasting

Wet blast cleaning involves use of a suspended fine abrasive. The abrasive/water mixture is delivered by compressed air to the contaminated area. By using a very fine abrasive, the amount of materials removed can be carefully controlled.

7.1.2 Non-Abrasive Cleaning Methods

Non-abrasive cleaning methods work by forcing the contaminant off a surface with pressure. In general, the equipment surface is not removed using non-abrasive methods.

Low-Pressure Water

This method consists of a container which is filled with water. The user pumps air out of the container to create a vacuum. A slender nozzle and hose allow the user to spray in hard-to-reach places.

High-Pressure Water

This method consists of a high-pressure pump, an operator controlled directional nozzle, and a high-pressure hose. Operating pressure usually ranges from 340 to 680 atmospheres (atm) and flow rates usually range from 20 to 140 liters per minute.

Ultra-High-Pressure Water

This system produces a water jet that is pressured from 1,000 to 4,000 atmospheres. This ultra-high-pressure spray can remove tightly-adhered surface films. The water velocity ranges from 500 meters/second (m/s) (1,000 atm) to 900 m/s (4,000 atm). Additives can be used to enhance the cleaning action.

Rinsing

Contaminants are removed by rinsing through dilution, physical attraction, and solubilization.

Damp Cloth Removal

In some instances, due to sensitive, non-waterproof equipment or due to the unlikelihood of equipment being contaminated, it is not necessary to conduct an extensive decontamination procedure. For example, air sampling pumps hooked on a fence, placed on a drum, or wrapped in plastic bags are not likely to become heavily contaminated. A damp cloth should be used to wipe off contaminants which may have adhered to equipment through airborne contaminants or from surfaces upon which the equipment was set.

Disinfection/Sterilization

Disinfectants are a practical means of inactivating infectious agents. Unfortunately, standard sterilization methods are impractical for large equipment. This method of decontamination is typically performed off-site.

7.2 Field Sampling Equipment Decontamination Procedures

The decontamination line is setup so that the first station is used to clean the most contaminated item. It progresses to the last station where the least contaminated item is cleaned. The spread of contaminants is further reduced by separating each

decontamination station by a minimum of three (3) feet. Ideally, the contamination should decrease as the equipment progresses from one station to another farther along in the line.

A site is typically divided up into the following boundaries: Hot Zone or Exclusion Zone (EZ), the Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ), and the Support or Safe Zone (SZ). The decontamination line should be setup in the Contamination Reduction Corridor (CRC) which is in the CRZ. Figure 1 (Appendix B) shows a typical contaminant reduction zone layout. The CRC controls access into and out of the exclusion zone and confines decontamination activities to a limited area. The CRC boundaries should be conspicuously marked. The far end is the hotline, the boundary between the exclusion zone and the contamination reduction zone. The size of the decontamination corridor depends on the number of stations in the decontamination process, overall dimensions of the work zones, and amount of space available at the site. Whenever possible, it should be a straight line.

Anyone in the CRC should be wearing the level of protection designated for the decontamination crew. Another corridor may be required for the entry and exit of heavy equipment. Sampling and monitoring equipment and sampling supplies are all maintained outside of the CRC. Personnel don their equipment away from the CRC and enter the exclusion zone through a separate access control point at the hotline. One person (or more) dedicated to decontaminating equipment is recommended.

7.2.1 Decontamination Setup

Starting with the most contaminated station, the decontamination setup should be as follows:

Station 1: Segregate Equipment Drop

Place plastic sheeting on the ground (Figure 2, Appendix B). Size will depend on amount of equipment to be decontaminated. Provide containers lined with plastic if equipment is to be segregated. Segregation may be required if sensitive equipment or mildly contaminated equipment is used at the same time as equipment which is likely to be heavily contaminated.

Station 2: Physical Removal With A High-Pressure

Washer (Optional)

As indicated in 7.1.2, a high-pressure wash may be required for compounds which are difficult to remove by washing with brushes. The elevated temperature of the water from the high-pressure washers is excellent at removing greasy/oily compounds. High pressure washers require water and electricity.

A decontamination pad may be required for the high-pressure wash area. An example of a wash pad may consist of an approximately 1 1/2 foot-deep basin lined with plastic sheeting and sloped to a sump at one corner. A layer of sand can be placed over the plastic and the basin is filled with gravel or shell. The sump is also lined with visqueen and a barrel is placed in the hole to prevent collapse. A sump pump is used to remove the water from the sump for transfer into a drum.

Typically heavy machinery is decontaminated at the end of the day unless site sampling requires that the machinery be decontaminated frequently. A separate decontamination pad may be required for heavy equipment.

Station 3: Physical Removal With Brushes And A Wash Basin

Prior to setting up Station 3, place plastic sheeting on the ground to cover areas under Station 3 through Station 10.

Fill a wash basin, a large bucket, or child's swimming pool with non-phosphate detergent and tap water. Several bottle and bristle brushes to physically remove contamination should be dedicated to this station. Approximately 10 - 50 gallons of water may be required initially depending upon the amount of equipment to decontaminate and the amount of gross contamination.

Station 4: Water Basin

Fill a wash basin, a large bucket, or child's swimming pool with tap water. Several bottle and bristle brushes should be dedicated to this station. Approximately 10-50 gallons of water may be required initially depending upon the amount of equipment to decontaminate and the amount of gross contamination.

Station 5: Low-Pressure Sprayers

Fill a low-pressure sprayer with distilled/deionized water. Provide a 5-gallon bucket or basin to contain the water during the rinsing process. Approximately 10-20 gallons of water may be required initially depending upon the amount of equipment to decontaminate and the amount of gross contamination.

Station 6: Nitric Acid Sprayers

Fill a spray bottle with 10% nitric acid. An acid rinse may not be required if inorganics are not a contaminant of concern. The amount of acid will depend on the amount of equipment to be decontaminated. Provide a 5-gallon bucket or basin to collect acid during the rinsing process.

Station 7: Low-Pressure Sprayers

Fill a low-pressure sprayer with distilled/deionized water. Provide a 5-gallon bucket or basin to collect water during the rinsate process.

Station 8: Organic Solvent Sprayers

Fill a spray bottle with an organic solvent. After each solvent rinse, the equipment should be rinsed with distilled/deionized water and air dried. Amount of solvent will depend on the amount of equipment to decontaminate. Provide a 5-gallon bucket or basin to collect the solvent during the rinsing process.

Solvent rinses may not be required unless organics are a contaminant of concern, and may be eliminated from the station sequence.

Station 9: Low-Pressure Sprayers

Fill a low-pressure sprayer with distilled/deionized water. Provide a 5-gallon bucket or basin to collect water during the rinsate process.

Station 10: Clean Equipment Drop

Lay a clean piece of plastic sheeting over the bottom plastic layer. This will allow easy removal of the plastic in the event that it becomes dirty. Provide aluminum foil, plastic, or other protective material to wrap clean equipment.

7.2.2 Decontamination Procedures

Station 1: Segregate Equipment Drop

Deposit equipment used on-site (i.e., tools, sampling devices and containers, monitoring instruments radios, clipboards, etc.) on the plastic drop cloth/sheet or in different containers with plastic liners. Each will be contaminated to a different degree. Segregation at the drop reduces the probability of cross contamination. Loose leaf sampling data sheets or maps can be placed in plastic zip lock bags if contamination is evident.

Station 2: Physical Removal With A High-Pressure Washer (Optional)

Use high pressure wash on grossly contaminated equipment. Do not use high- pressure wash on sensitive or non-waterproof equipment.

Station 3: Physical Removal With Brushes And A Wash Basin

Scrub equipment with soap and water using bottle and bristle brushes. Only sensitive equipment (i.e., radios, air monitoring and sampling equipment) which is waterproof should be washed. Equipment which is not waterproof should have plastic bags removed and wiped down with a damp cloth. Acids and organic rinses may also ruin sensitive equipment. Consult the manufacturers for recommended decontamination solutions.

Station 4: Equipment Rinse

Wash soap off of equipment with water by immersing the equipment in the water while brushing. Repeat as many times as necessary.

Station 5: Low-Pressure Rinse

Rinse sampling equipment with distilled/deionized water with a low-pressure sprayer.

Station 6: Nitric Acid Sprayers (required only if metals are a contaminant of concern)

Using a spray bottle rinse sampling equipment with nitric acid. Begin spraying (inside and outside) at one end of the equipment allowing the acid to drip to the other end into a 5-gallon bucket. A rinsate blank may be required at this station. Refer to Section 9.

Station 7: Low-Pressure Sprayers

Rinse sampling equipment with distilled/deionized water with a low-pressure sprayer.

Station 8: Organic Solvent Sprayers

Rinse sampling equipment with a solvent. Begin spraying (inside and outside) at one end of the equipment allowing the solvent to drip to the other end into a 5-gallon bucket. Allow the solvent to evaporate from the equipment before going to the next station. A QC rinsate sample may be required at this station.

Station 9: Low-Pressure Sprayers

Rinse sampling equipment with distilled/deionized water with a low-pressure washer.

Station 10: Clean Equipment Drop

Lay clean equipment on plastic sheeting. Once air dried, wrap sampling equipment with aluminum foil, plastic, or other protective material.

7.2.3 Post Decontamination Procedures

1. Collect high-pressure pad and heavy equipment decontamination area liquid and waste and store in appropriate drum or container. A sump pump can aid in the collection process. Refer to the Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements for appropriate containers based on the contaminant of concern.
2. Collect high-pressure pad and heavy equipment decontamination area solid waste and store in appropriate drum or container. Refer to the DOT requirements for appropriate containers based on the contaminant of concern.
3. Empty soap and water liquid wastes from basins and buckets and store in appropriate drum or container. Refer to the DOT requirements for appropriate containers based on the contaminant of concern.
4. Empty acid rinse waste and place in appropriate container or neutralize with a base and place in appropriate drum. pH paper or an equivalent pH test is required for

neutralization. Consult DOT requirements for appropriate drum for acid rinse waste.

5. Empty solvent rinse sprayer and solvent waste into an appropriate container. Consult DOT requirements for appropriate drum for solvent rinse waste.
6. Using low-pressure sprayers, rinse basins, and brushes. Place liquid generated from this process into the wash water rinse container.
7. Empty low-pressure sprayer water onto the ground.
8. Place all solid waste materials generated from the decontamination area (i.e., gloves and plastic sheeting, etc.) in an approved DOT drum. Refer to the DOT requirements for appropriate containers based on the contaminant of concern.
9. Write appropriate labels for waste and make arrangements for disposal. Consult DOT regulations for the appropriate label for each drum generated from the decontamination process.

8.0 CALCULATIONS

This section is not applicable to this SOP.

9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL

A rinsate blank is one specific type of quality control sample associated with the field decontamination process. This sample will provide information on the effectiveness of the decontamination process employed in the field.

Rinsate blanks are samples obtained by running analyte free water over decontaminated sampling equipment to test for residual contamination. The blank water is collected in sample containers for handling, shipment, and analysis. These samples are treated identical to samples collected that day. A rinsate blank is used to assess cross contamination brought about by improper decontamination procedures. Where dedicated sampling equipment is

not utilized, collect one rinsate blank per day per type of sampling device samples to meet QA2 and QA3 objectives.

If sampling equipment requires the use of plastic tubing it should be disposed of as contaminated and replaced with clean tubing before additional sampling occurs.

10.0 DATA VALIDATION

Results of quality control samples will be evaluated for contamination. This information will be utilized to qualify the environmental sample results in accordance with the project's data quality objectives.

11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When working with potentially hazardous materials, follow OSHA, U.S. EPA, corporate, and other applicable health and safety procedures.

Decontamination can pose hazards under certain circumstances. Hazardous substances may be incompatible with decontamination materials. For example, the decontamination solution may react with contaminants to produce heat, explosion, or toxic products. Also, vapors from decontamination solutions may pose a direct health hazard to workers by inhalation, contact, fire, or explosion.

The decontamination solutions must be determined to be acceptable before use. Decontamination materials may degrade protective clothing or equipment; some solvents can permeate protective clothing. If decontamination materials do pose a health hazard, measures should be taken to protect personnel or substitutions should be made to eliminate the hazard. The choice of respiratory protection based on contaminants of concern from the site may not be appropriate for solvents used in the decontamination process.

Safety considerations should be addressed when using abrasive and non-abrasive decontamination equipment. Maximum air pressure produced by abrasive equipment could cause physical injury. Displaced material requires control mechanisms.

Material generated from decontamination activities requires proper handling, storage, and disposal. Personal Protective Equipment may be required for these activities.

Material safety data sheets are required for all decontamination solvents or solutions as required by the Hazard Communication Standard (i.e., acetone, alcohol, and trisodiumphosphate).

In some jurisdictions, phosphate containing detergents (i.e., TSP) are banned.

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APPENDIX A

Table

Table 1. Soluble Contaminants and Recommended Solvent Rinse

TABLE 1 Soluble Contaminants and Recommended Solvent Rinse		
SOLVENT ⁽¹⁾	EXAMPLES OF SOLVENTS	SOLUBLE CONTAMINANTS
Water	Deionized water Tap water	Low-chain hydrocarbons Inorganic compounds Salts Some organic acids and other polar compounds
Dilute Acids	Nitric acid Acetic acid Boric acid	Basic (caustic) compounds (e.g., amines and hydrazines)
Dilute Bases	Sodium bicarbonate (e.g., soap detergent)	Acidic compounds Phenol Thiols Some nitro and sulfonic compounds
Organic Solvents ⁽²⁾	Alcohols Ethers Ketones Aromatics Straight chain alkalines (e.g., hexane) Common petroleum products (e.g., fuel, oil, kerosene)	Nonpolar compounds (e.g., some organic compounds)
Organic Solvent ⁽²⁾	Hexane	PCBs

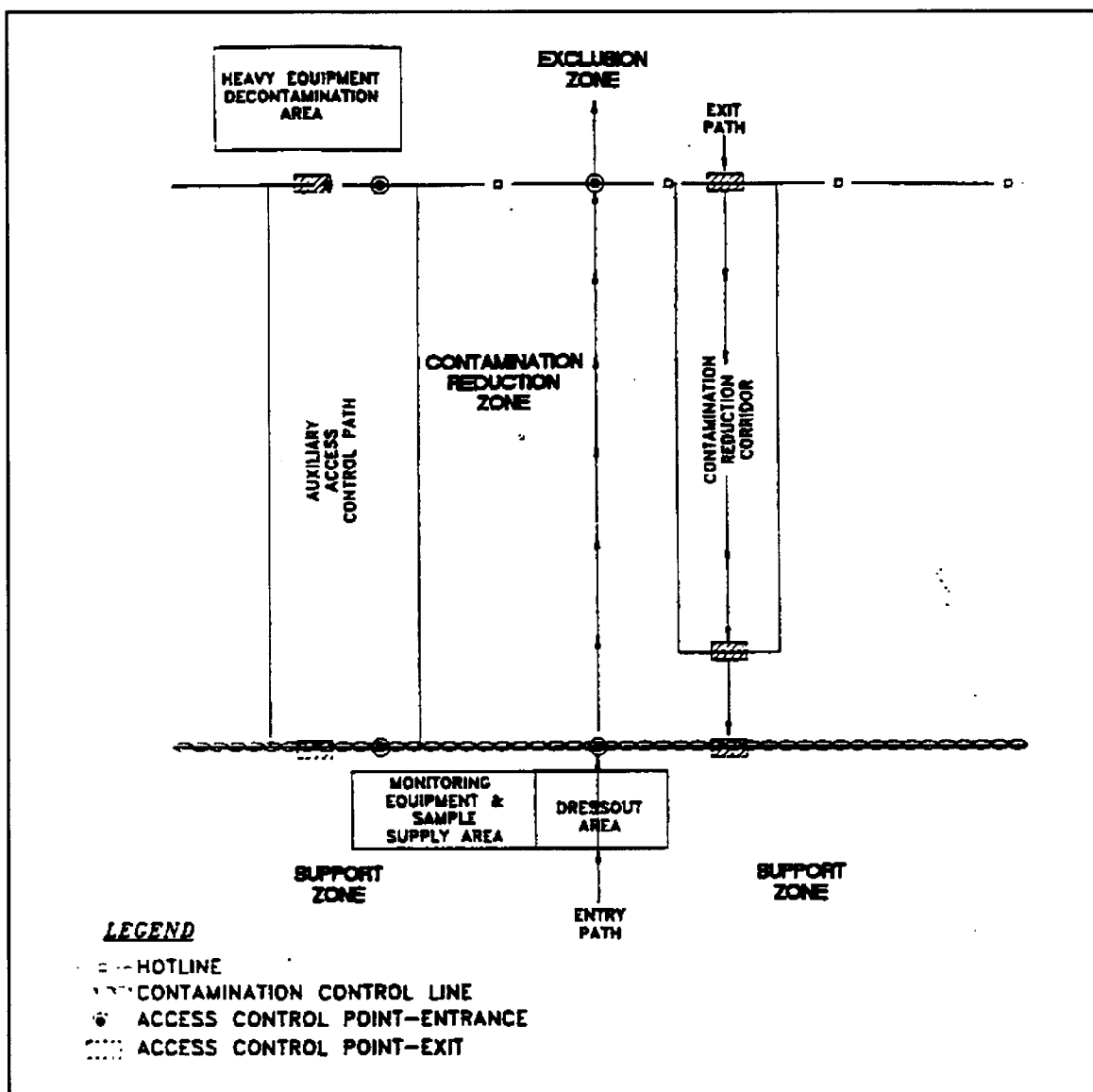
⁽¹⁾ - Material safety data sheets are required for all decontamination solvents or solutions as required by the Hazard Communication Standard

⁽²⁾ - WARNING: Some organic solvents can permeate and/or degrade the protective clothing

APPENDIX B

Figures

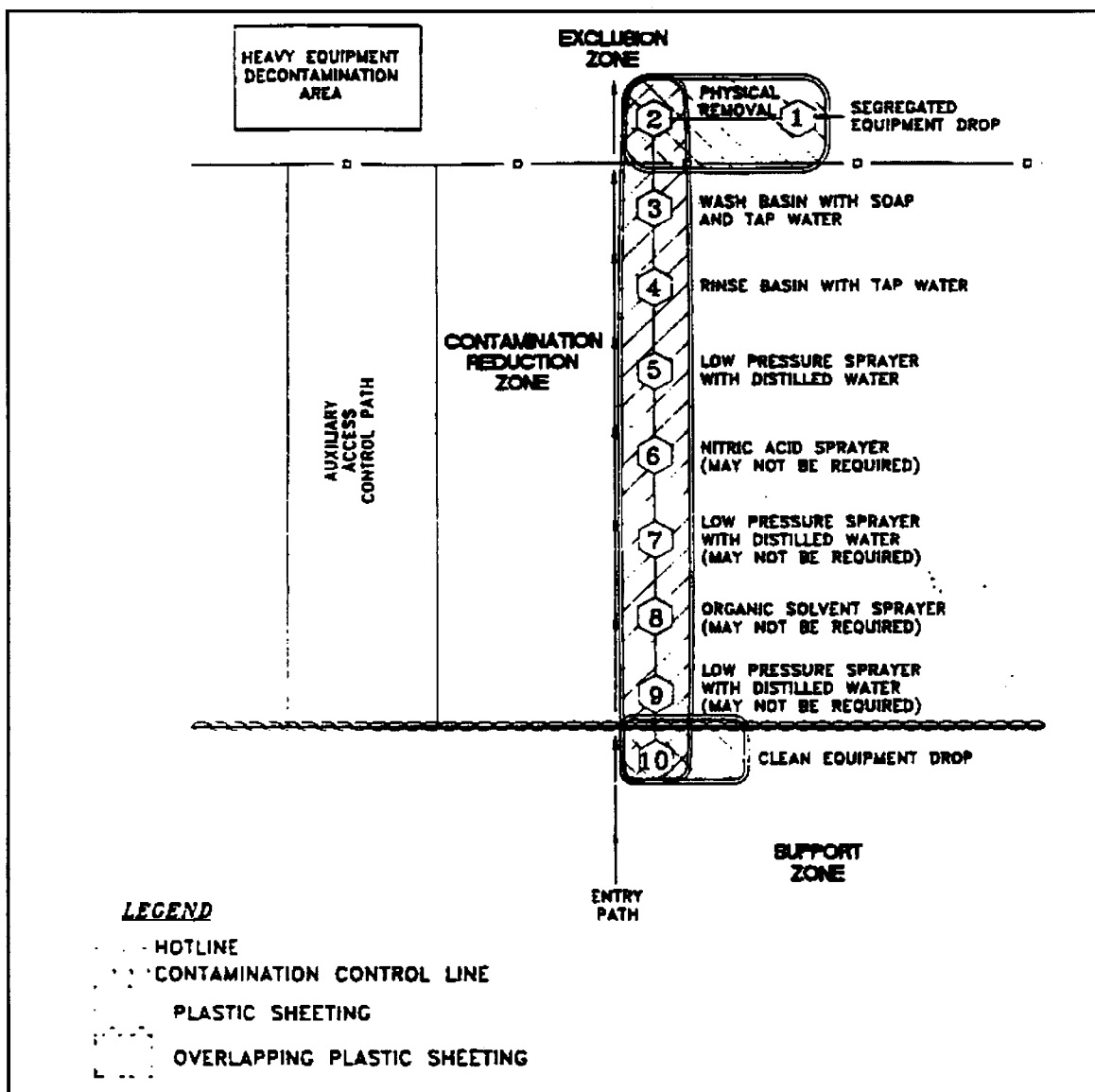
Figure 1. Contamination Reduction Zone Layout



APPENDIX B (Cont'd.)

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Figure 2. Decontamination Layout





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1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The objective of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to provide general reference information on sampling of ground water wells. This guideline is primarily concerned with the collection of water samples from the saturated zone of the subsurface. Every effort must be made to ensure that the sample is representative of the particular zone of water being sampled. These procedures are designed to be used in conjunction with analyses for the most common types of ground water contaminants (e.g., volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, metals, biological parameters).

These are standard (i.e., typically applicable) operating procedures which may be varied or changed as required, dependent upon site conditions, equipment limitations or limitations imposed by the procedure. In all instances, the ultimate procedures employed should be documented and associated with the final report.

Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) endorsement or recommendation for use.

2.0 METHOD SUMMARY

In order to obtain a representative groundwater sample for chemical analysis it is important to remove stagnant water in the well casing and the water immediately adjacent to the well before collection of the sample. This may be achieved with one of a number of instruments. The most common of these are the bailer, submersible pump, non-contact gas bladder pump, inertia pump and suction pump. At a minimum, three well volumes should be purged, if possible. Equipment must be decontaminated prior to use and between wells. Once purging is completed and the correct laboratory-cleaned sample containers have been prepared, sampling may proceed. Sampling may be conducted with any of the above instruments,

and need not be the same as the device used for purging. Care should be taken when choosing the sampling device as some will affect the integrity of the sample. Sampling should occur in a progression from the least to most contaminated well, if this information is known.

The growing concern over the past several years over low levels of volatile organic compounds in water supplies has led to the development of highly sophisticated analytical methods that can provide detection limits at part per trillion levels. While the laboratory methods are extremely sensitive, well controlled and quality assured, they cannot compensate for a poorly collected sample. The collection of a sample should be as sensitive, highly developed and quality assured as the analytical procedures.

3.0 SAMPLE PRESERVATION, CONTAINERS, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

The type of analysis for which a sample is being collected determines the type of bottle, preservative, holding time, and filtering requirements. Samples should be collected directly from the sampling device into appropriate laboratory cleaned containers. Check that a Teflon liner is present in the cap, if required. Attach a sample identification label. Complete a field data sheet, a chain of custody form, and record all pertinent data in the site logbook.

Samples shall be appropriately preserved, labelled, logged, and placed in a cooler to be maintained at 4EC. Samples must be shipped well before the holding time is up and ideally should be shipped within 24 hours of sample collection. It is imperative that samples be shipped or delivered daily to the analytical laboratory in order to maximize the time available for the laboratory to perform the analyses. The bottles should be shipped with adequate packing and cooling to ensure that they arrive intact.

Sample retrieval systems suitable for the valid collection of volatile organic samples are: positive displacement bladder pumps, gear driven submersible pumps, syringe samplers and bailers (Barcelona, 1984; Nielsen, 1985). Field conditions and other constraints will limit the choice of appropriate systems. The focus of concern must remain to provide a valid sample for analysis, one which has been subjected to the least amount of turbulence possible.

Treatment of the sample with sodium thiosulfate preservative is required only if there is residual chlorine in the water that could cause free radical chlorination and change the identity of the original contaminants. It should not be used if there is no chlorine in the water.

Holding time for volatiles analysis is seven days. It is imperative that the sample be shipped or delivered daily to the analytical laboratory. The bottles must be shipped on their sides to aid in maintaining the airtight seal during shipment, with adequate packing and cooling to ensure that they arrive intact.

For collection of volatile organic samples, refer to the work plan to ensure that 40 mL glass sample vials with Teflon lined septa are ordered and in sufficient numbers. Check sampling supplies; field kit for chlorine, preservatives, Parafilm, foam sleeves and coolers. Due to the extreme trace levels at which volatile organics are detectable, cross contamination and introduction of contaminants must be avoided. Trip blanks are incorporated into the shipment package to provide a check against cross contamination.

4.0 INTERFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

4.1 General

The primary goal in performing ground water sampling is to obtain a representative sample of the ground water body. Analysis can be compromised by field personnel in two primary ways: (1) taking an unrepresentative sample, or (2) by incorrect handling of the sample. There are numerous ways of introducing foreign contaminants into a sample, and these must be avoided by following strict sampling procedures and utilizing trained field personnel.

4.2 Purging

In a nonpumping well, there will be little or no vertical mixing of the water, and stratification will occur. The well water in the screened section will mix with the ground water due to normal flow patterns, but the well water above the screened section will remain isolated, become stagnant, and may lack the contaminants representative of the ground water. Persons sampling should realize that stagnant water may contain foreign material inadvertently or deliberately introduced from the surface, resulting in an unrepresentative sample. To safeguard against collecting nonrepresentative stagnant water, the following guidelines and techniques should be adhered to during sampling:

1. As a general rule, all monitor wells should be pumped or bailed prior to sampling. Purge water should be containerized on site or handled as specified in the site specific project plan. Evacuation of a minimum of one volume of water in the well casing, and preferably three to five volumes, is recommended for a representative sample. In a high-yielding ground water formation and where there is no stagnant water in the well above the screened section, evacuation prior to sample withdrawal is not as critical. However, in all cases where the monitoring data is to be used for enforcement actions, evacuation is recommended.
2. When purging with a pump (not a bailer), the pump should be set at the screened interval, or if the well is an open-rock well, it should be set at the same depth the sample will be collected. When sampling a screened well, the sample should also be collected from the same depth the pump was set at.
3. The well should be sampled as soon as possible after purging.
4. Analytical parameters typically dictate whether the sample should be collected through the purging device, or through a separate sampling instrument.
5. For wells that can be pumped or bailed to dryness with the equipment being used, the well should be evacuated and allowed to recover prior to collecting a sample. If the recovery rate is fairly rapid and time allows, evacuation of more than one volume of water

is preferred. If recovery is slow, sample the well upon recovery after one evacuation.

6. A non-representative sample can also result from excessive pre-pumping of the monitoring well. Stratification of the leachate concentration in the ground water formation may occur, or heavier-than-water compounds may sink to the lower portions of the aquifer. Excessive pumping can dilute or increase the contaminant concentrations from what is representative of the sampling point of interest.

4.3 Materials

Materials of construction for samplers and evacuation equipment (bladders, pump, bailers, tubing, etc.) should be limited to stainless steel, Teflon[®], and glass in areas where concentrations are expected to be at or near the detection limit. The tendency of organics to leach into and out of many materials make the selection of materials critical for trace analyses. The use of plastics, such as PVC or polyethylene, should be avoided when analyzing for organics. However, PVC may be used for evacuation equipment as it will not come in contact with the sample, and in highly contaminated wells, disposable equipment (i.e., polypropylene bailers) may be appropriate to avoid cross-contamination.

Materials of construction (bladders/ pumps, bailers, tubing, etc.) suitable for collecting and handling Volatile Organic Samples should be limited to stainless steel, Teflon and glass in areas which detection limit range concentrations are expected. The tendency of organics to leach into and out of many materials, make the selection of materials critical for these trace analyses. The use of plastics, e.g., PVC etc., should be avoided. There are numerous ways of introducing foreign contaminants into a sample, and these must be avoided by following strict sampling procedures and utilization of trained personnel.

4.4 Advantages/Disadvantages of Certain Equipment

4.4.1 Bailers

Advantages

- C Only practical limitations on size and materials
- C No power source needed
- C Portable
- C Inexpensive, so it can be dedicated and hung in a well, thereby reducing the chances of cross contamination
- C Minimal outgassing of volatile organics while sample is in bailer
- C Readily available
- C Removes stagnant water first
- C Rapid, simple method for removing small volumes of purge water

Disadvantages

- C Time-consuming to flush a large well of stagnant water
- C Transfer of sample may cause aeration
- C Stoppers at the bottom of the bailer usually leak thus the bailer must be brought to the surface rapidly
- C If the bailer is allowed to hit the bottom of the well boring, gravel can displace the ball valve not allowing the bailer to hold water

4.4.2 Submersible Pumps

Advantages

- C Portable and can be transported to several wells
- C Depending upon the size of the pump and the pumping depths, relatively high pumping rates are possible
- C Generally very reliable and does not require priming

Disadvantages

- C Potential for effects on analysis of trace organics
- C Heavy and cumbersome to deal with, particularly in deeper wells
- C Expensive
- C Power source needed
- C Sediment in water may cause problems with the pumps
- C Impractical in low yielding or shallow wells

4.4.3 Non-Contact Gas Bladder Pumps

Advantages

- C Maintains integrity of sample
- C Easy to use
- C Can sample from discrete locations within the monitor well

Disadvantages

- C Difficulty in cleaning, though dedicated tubing and bladder may be used
- C Only useful to about 100 feet
- C Supply of gas for operation, gas bottles and/or compressors are often difficult to obtain and are cumbersome
- C Relatively low pumping rates
- C Requires air compressor or pressurized gas source and control box

4.4.4 Suction Pumps

Advantages

- C Portable, inexpensive, and readily available

Disadvantages

- C Restricted to areas with water levels within 20 to 25 feet of the ground surface

- C Vacuum can cause loss of dissolved gasses and volatile organics

- C Pump must be primed and vacuum is often difficult to maintain during initial stages of pumping

4.4.5 Inertia Pumps

Advantages

- C Portable, inexpensive, and readily available
- C Offers a rapid method for purging relatively shallow wells

Disadvantages

- C Restricted to areas with water levels within 70 feet of the ground surface
- C May be time consuming to purge wells with these manual pumps
- C Labor intensive
- C WaTerra pumps are only effective in 2-inch diameter wells

5.0 EQUIPMENT APPARATUS

5.1 Equipment Checklist

5.1.1 General

- C Water level indicator
 - electric sounder
 - steel tape
 - transducer
 - reflection sounder
 - airline
- C Depth sounder
- C Appropriate keys for well cap locks
- C Steel brush
- C HNU or OVA (whichever is most appropriate)
- C Logbook
- C Calculator
- C Field data sheets and samples labels
- C Chain of custody records and seals
- C Sample containers
- C Engineer's rule

- C Sharp knife (locking blade)
- C Tool box (to include at least: screwdrivers, pliers, hacksaw, hammer, flashlight, adjustable wrench)
- C Leather work gloves
- C Appropriate Health & Safety gear
- C 5-gallon pail
- C Plastic sheeting
- C Shipping containers
- C Packing materials
- C Bolt cutters
- C Ziploc plastic bags
- C Containers for evacuation liquids
- C Decontamination solutions
- C Tap water
- C Non phosphate soap
- C Several brushes
- C Pails or tubs
- C Aluminum foil
- C Garden sprayer
- C Preservatives
- C Distilled or deionized water
- C Fire extinguisher (if using a generator for your power source)

5.1.2 Bailers

- C Clean, decontaminated bailers of appropriate size and construction material
- C Nylon line, enough to dedicate to each well
- C Teflon coated bailer wire
- C Sharp knife
- C Aluminum foil (to wrap clean bailers)
- C Five gallon bucket

5.1.3 Submersible Pump

- C Pump(s)
- C Generator (110, 120, or 240 volt) or 12 volt battery if inaccessible to field vehicle - amp meter is useful
- C 1" black PVC coil tubing - enough to dedicate to each well
- C Hose clamps
- C Safety cable
- C Tool box supplement
 - pipe wrenches
 - wire strippers
 - electrical tape
 - heat shrink
 - hose connectors
 - Teflon tape

- C Winch, pulley or hoist
- C Gasoline for generator/gas can
- C Flow meter with gate valve
- C 1" nipples and various plumbing (i.e., pipe connectors)
- C Control box (if necessary)

5.1.4 Non-Gas Contact Bladder Pump

- C Non-gas contact bladder pump
- C Compressor or nitrogen gas tank
- C Batteries and charger
- C Teflon tubing - enough to dedicate to each well
- C Swagelock fitting
- C Toolbox supplements - same as submersible pump
- C Control box (if necessary)

5.1.5 Suction Pump

- C Pump
- C 1" black PVC coil tubing - enough to dedicate to each well
- C Gasoline - if required
- C Toolbox
- C Plumbing fittings
- C Flow meter with gate valve

5.1.6 Inertia Pump

- C Pump assembly (WaTerra pump, piston pump)
- C Five gallon bucket

6.0 REAGENTS

Reagents may be utilized for preservation of samples and for decontamination of sampling equipment. The preservatives required are specified by the analysis to be performed. Decontamination solutions are specified in ERT SOP #2006, Sampling Equipment Decontamination.

7.0 PROCEDURE

7.1 Preparation

1. Determine the extent of the sampling effort, the sampling methods to be employed, and the types and amounts of equipment and

supplies needed (i.e., diameter and depth of wells to be sampled).

2. Obtain necessary sampling and monitoring equipment, appropriate to type of contaminant being investigated. For collection of volatile organic samples, refer to the work plan to ensure that 40 mL glass sample vials with Teflon lined septa are ordered and in sufficient numbers. Check sampling supplies; field kit for chlorine, preservatives, Parafilm, foam sleeves and coolers. Due to extreme trace levels at which volatile organics are detectable, cross contamination and introduction of contaminants must be avoided. Trip blanks are incorporated into the shipment package to provide a check against cross contamination.
3. Decontaminate or preclean equipment, and ensure that it is in working order.
4. Prepare scheduling and coordinate with staff, clients, and regulatory agency, if appropriate.
5. Perform a general site survey prior to site entry in accordance with the site specific Health and Safety Plan.
6. Identify and mark all sampling locations.

7.2 Field Preparation

1. Start at the least contaminated well, if known.
2. Lay plastic sheeting around the well to minimize likelihood of contamination of equipment from soil adjacent to the well.
3. Remove locking well cap, note location, time of day, and date in field notebook or appropriate log form.
4. Remove well casing cap.
5. Screen headspace of well with an appropriate monitoring instrument to determine the presence of volatile organic compounds and record in site logbook.
6. Lower water level measuring device or

equivalent (i.e., permanently installed transducers or airline) into well until water surface is encountered.

7. Measure distance from water surface to reference measuring point on well casing or protective barrier post and record in site logbook. Alternatively, if no reference point, note that water level measurement is from top of steel casing, top of PVC riser pipe, from ground surface, or some other position on the well head.

If floating organics are of concern, this can be determined by measuring the water level with an oil/water interface probe which measures floating organics.

8. Measure total depth of well (at least twice to confirm measurement) and record in site logbook or on field data sheet.
9. Calculate the volume of water in the well and the volume to be purged using the calculations in Section 8.0.
10. Select the appropriate purging and sampling equipment.
11. If residual chlorine is suspected, use the Hach Field Test Kit for chlorine to determine if there is residual chlorine in the water to be sampled. If there is, treat the sample vial with a crystal of sodium thiosulfate prior to sample collection.

7.3 Purging

The amount of flushing a well receives prior to sample collection depends on the intent of the monitoring program as well as the hydrogeologic conditions. Programs where overall quality determination of water resources are involved may require long pumping periods to obtain a sample that is representative of a large volume of that aquifer. The pumped volume can be determined prior to sampling so that the sample is collected after a known volume of the water is evacuated from the aquifer, or the well can be pumped until the stabilization of parameters such as temperature, electrical conductance, pH, or turbidity has occurred.

However, monitoring for defining a contaminant plume requires a representative sample of a small volume of the aquifer. These circumstances require that the well be pumped enough to remove the stagnant water but not enough to induce flow from other areas. Generally, three well volumes are considered effective, or calculations can be made to determine, on the basis of the aquifer parameters and well dimensions, the appropriate volume to remove prior to sampling.

During purging, water level measurements may be taken regularly at 15-30 second intervals. This data may be used to compute aquifer transmissivity and other hydraulic characteristics. The following well evacuation devices are most commonly used. Other evacuation devices are available, but have been omitted in this discussion due to their limited use.

7.3.1 Bailers

Bailers are the simplest purging device used and have many advantages. They generally consist of a rigid length of tube, usually with a ball check-valve at the bottom. A line is used to lower the bailer into the well and retrieve a volume of water. The three most common types of bailer are PVC, Teflon, and stainless steel.

This manual method of purging is best suited to shallow or narrow diameter wells. For deep, larger diameter wells which require evacuation of large volumes of water, other mechanical devices may be more appropriate.

7.3.1.1 Operation

Equipment needed will include a clean decontaminated bailer, Teflon or nylon line, a sharp knife, and plastic sheeting.

1. Determine the volume of water to be purged as described in 8.0, calculations.
2. Lay plastic sheeting around the well to prevent contamination of the bailer line with foreign materials.
3. Attach the line to the bailer and slowly lower until the bailer is completely submerged, being careful not to drop the bailer to the water, causing turbulence and the possible loss of volatile organic contaminants.
4. Pull bailer out ensuring that the line either falls onto a clean area of plastic sheeting or never touches the ground.
5. Empty the bailer into a pail until full to determine the number of bails necessary to achieve the required purge volume.
6. Thereafter, pour the water into a container and dispose of purge waters as specified in the site specific sampling plan.

7.3.2 Submersible Pumps

The use of submersible pumps for sample collection is permissible provided they are constructed of suitably noncontaminating materials. The chief

drawback, however, is the difficulty avoiding cross-contamination between wells. Although some units can be disassembled easily to allow surfaces contacted by contaminants to be cleaned, field decontamination may be difficult and require solvents that can affect sample analysis. The use of submersible pumps in multiple well-sampling programs, therefore, should be carefully considered against other sampling mechanisms (bailers, bladder pumps). In most cases, a sample can be collected by bailer after purging with a submersible pump, however, submersible pumps may be the only practical sampling device for extremely deep wells (greater than 300 feet of water). Under those conditions, dedicated pump systems should be installed to eliminate the potential for cross-contamination of well samples.

Submersible pumps generally use one of two types of power supplies, either electric or compressed gas or air. Electric powered pumps can run off a 12 volt DC rechargeable battery, or a 110 or 220 volt AC power supply. Those units powered by compressed air normally use a small electric or gas-powered air compressor. They may also utilize compressed gas (i.e., nitrogen) from bottles. Different size pumps are available for different depth or diameter monitoring wells.

7.3.2.1 Operation

1. Determine the volume of water to be purged as described in 8.0 Calculations.
2. Lay plastic sheeting around the well to prevent contamination of pumps, hoses or lines with foreign materials.
3. Assemble pump, hoses and safety cable, and lower the pump into the well. Make sure the pump is deep enough so all the water is not evacuated. (Running the pump without water may cause damage.)
4. Attach flow meter to the outlet hose to measure the volume of water purged.
5. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) or ground the generator to avoid possible electric shock.
6. Attach power supply, and purge the well until the specified volume of water has been

evacuated (or until field parameters, such as temperature, pH, conductivity, etc, have stabilized). Do not allow the pump to run dry. If the pumping rate exceeds the well recharge rate, lower the pump further into the well, and continue pumping.

7. Collect and dispose of purge waters as specified in the site specific sampling plan.

7.3.3 Non-Contact Gas Bladder Pumps

For this procedure, an all stainless-steel and Teflon Middleburg-squeeze bladder pump (e.g., IEA, TIMCO, Well Wizard, Geoguard, and others) is used to provide the least amount of material interference to the sample (Barcelona, 1985). Water comes into contact with the inside of the bladder (Teflon) and the sample tubing, also Teflon, that may be dedicated to each well. Some wells may have permanently installed bladder pumps, (i.e., Well Wizard, Geoguard), that will be used to sample for all parameters.

7.3.3.1 Operation

1. Assemble Teflon tubing, pump and charged control box.
2. Procedure for purging with a bladder pump is the same as for a submersible pump (Section 7.3.2.1).
3. Be sure to adjust flow rate to prevent violent jolting of the hose as sample is drawn in.

7.3.4 Suction Pumps

There are many different types of suction pumps. They include: centrifugal, peristaltic and diaphragm. Diaphragm pumps can be used for well evacuation at a fast pumping rate and sampling at a low pumping rate. The peristaltic pump is a low volume pump that uses rollers to squeeze the flexible tubing thereby creating suction. This tubing can be dedicated to a well to prevent cross contamination. Peristaltic pumps, however, require a power source.

7.3.4.1 Operation

1. Assembly of the pump, tubing, and power source if necessary.

2. Procedure for purging with a suction pump is exactly the same as for a submersible pump (Section 7.3.2.1).

7.3.5 Inertia Pumps

Inertia pumps such as the WaTerra pump and piston pump, are manually operated. They are most appropriate to use when wells are too deep to bail by hand, or too shallow or narrow (or inaccessible) to warrant an automatic (submersible, etc.) pump. These pumps are made of plastic and may be either decontaminated or discarded.

7.3.5.1 Operation

1. Determine the volume of water to be purged as described in 8.0, Calculations.
2. Lay plastic sheeting around the well to prevent contamination of pumps or hoses with foreign materials.
3. Assemble pump and lower to the appropriate depth in the well.
4. Begin pumping manually, discharging water into a 5 gallon bucket (or other graduated vessel). Purge until specified volume of water has been evacuated (or until field parameters such as temperature, pH, conductivity, etc. have stabilized).
5. Collect and dispose of purge waters as specified in the site specific project plan.

7.4 Sampling

Sample withdrawal methods require the use of pumps, compressed air, bailers, and samplers. Ideally, purging and sample withdrawal equipment should be completely inert, economical to manufacture, easily cleaned, sterilized, reusable, able to operate at remote sites in the absence of power resources, and capable of delivering variable rates for sample collection.

There are several factors to take into consideration when choosing a sampling device. Care should be taken when reviewing the advantages or disadvantages of any one device. It may be appropriate to use a different device to sample than that which was used to purge. The most common example of this is the use of a submersible pump to purge and a bailer to sample.

7.4.1 Bailers

The positive-displacement volatile sampling bailer is perhaps the most appropriate for collection of water samples for volatile analysis. Other bailer types (messenger, bottom fill, etc.) are less desirable, but may be mandated by cost and site conditions.

7.4.1.1 Operation

1. Surround the monitor well with clean plastic sheeting. If using the GPI bailer, insert a vial into the claim and assemble the unit.
2. Attach a line to a clean decontaminated bailer.
3. Lower the bailer slowly and gently into the well, taking care not to shake the casing sides or to splash the bailer into the water. Stop lowering at a point adjacent to the screen.
4. Allow bailer to fill and then slowly and gently retrieve the bailer from the well avoiding contact with the casing, so as not to knock flakes of rust or other foreign materials into the bailer. If using the GPI bailer for collecting volatile organic samples, once at the surface, remove the bailer from the cable. Carefully open the GPI bailer unit and remove the vial. Begin slowly pouring from the bailer, and collect the duplicate samples from the midstream sample.
5. Remove the cap from the sample container and place it on the plastic sheet or in a location where it won't become contaminated. See Section 7.7 for special considerations on VOA samples.
6. Begin slowly pouring from the bailer.
7. Filter and preserve samples as required by sampling plan.
8. Cap the sample container tightly and place prelabeled sample container in a carrier.
9. Replace the well cap.
10. Log all samples in the site logbook and on field data sheets and label all samples.
11. Package samples and complete necessary

paperwork.

12. Transport sample to decontamination zone for preparation for transport to analytical laboratory.

7.4.2 Submersible Pumps

Although it is recommended that samples not be collected with a submersible pump due to the reasons stated in Section 4.4.2, there are some situations where they may be used.

7.4.2.1 Operation

1. Allow the monitor well to recharge after purging, keeping the pump just above screened section.
2. Attach gate valve to hose (if not already fitted), and reduce flow of water to a manageable sampling rate.
3. Assemble the appropriate bottles.
4. If no gate valve is available, run the water down the side of a clean jar and fill the sample bottles from the jar.
5. Cap the sample container tightly and place prelabeled sample container in a carrier.
6. Replace the well cap.
7. Log all samples in the site logbook and on the field data sheets and label all samples.
8. Package samples and complete necessary paperwork.
9. Transport sample to decontamination zone for preparation for transport to the analytical laboratory.
10. Upon completion, remove pump and assembly and fully decontaminate prior to setting into the next sample well. Dedicate the tubing to the hole.

7.4.3 Non-Contact Gas Bladder Pumps

The use of a non-contact gas positive displacement

bladder pump is often mandated by the use of dedicated pumps installed in wells. These pumps are also suitable for shallow (less than 100 feet) wells. They are somewhat difficult to clean, but may be used with dedicated sample tubing to avoid cleaning. These pumps require a power supply and a compressed gas supply (or compressor). They may be operated at variable flow and pressure rates making them ideal for both purging and sampling.

Barcelona (1984) and Nielsen (1985) report that the non-contact gas positive displacement pumps cause the least amount of alteration in sample integrity as compared to other sample retrieval methods.

7.4.3.1 Operation

1. Allow well to recharge after purging.
2. Assemble the appropriate bottles.
3. Turn pump on, increase the cycle time and reduce the pressure to the minimum that will allow the sample to come to the surface.
4. Cap the sample container tightly and place prelabeled sample container in a carrier.
5. Replace the well cap.
6. Log all samples in the site logbook and on field data sheets and label all samples.
7. Package samples and complete necessary paperwork.
8. Transport sample to decontamination zone for preparation for transport to analytical laboratory.
9. On completion, remove the tubing from the well and either replace the Teflon tubing and bladder with new dedicated tubing and bladder or rigorously decontaminate the existing materials.
10. Nonfiltered samples shall be collected directly from the outlet tubing into the sample bottle.
11. For filtered samples, connect the pump outlet tubing directly to the filter unit. The pump

pressure should remain decreased so that the pressure build up on the filter does not blow out the pump bladder or displace the filter. For the Geotech barrel filter, no actual connections are necessary so this is not a concern.

7.4.4 Suction Pumps

In view of the limitations of these type pumps, they are not recommended for sampling purposes.

7.4.5 Inertia Pumps

Inertia pumps may be used to collect samples. It is more common, however, to purge with these pumps and sample with a bailer (Section 7.4.1).

7.4.5.1 Operation

1. Following well evacuation, allow the well to recharge.
2. Assemble the appropriate bottles.
3. Since these pumps are manually operated, the flow rate may be regulated by the sampler. The sample may be discharged from the pump outlet directly into the appropriate sample container.
4. Cap the sample container tightly and place prelabeled sample container in a carrier.
5. Replace the well cap.
6. Log all samples in the site logbook and on field data sheets and label all samples.
7. Package samples and complete necessary paperwork.
8. Transport sample to decontamination zone for preparation for transport to the analytical laboratory.
9. Upon completion, remove pump and decontaminate or discard, as appropriate.

7.4.6. Sample Retrieval - Syringe

A limited number of commercial syringe type samplers are available, (IEA, TIMCO, etc.) some are homemade devices. These devices are claimed to provide good quality samples for volatile analysis, but are severely limited in sample volume and are specific to sampling for volatiles. Essentially, they operated with an evacuated chamber that is lowered down the well, and allowed to fill with the pressure of the water. The entire mechanism is then brought to the surface with the sample. The sample may then be transferred to a sample vial, or the entire unit may be sent as the sample container.

1. Evacuate the syringe if necessary, and lower the sampling device to just below the well screen.
2. Remove the constriction from the device and allow the sample to fill the syringe, apply slight suction as necessary.
3. Bring unit to the surface. If necessary, transfer the sample to vials, as outlined in steps 2 through 7 above.

7.5 Filtering

For samples requiring filtering, such as total metals analysis, the filter must be decontaminated prior to and between uses. Filters work by two methods. A barrel filter such as the "Geotech" filter works with a bicycle pump, used to build up positive pressure in the chamber containing the sample which is then forced through the filter paper (minimum size 0.45 μm) into a jar placed underneath. The barrel itself is filled manually from the bailer or directly via the hose of the sampling pump. The pressure must be maintained up to 30 lbs/in² by periodic pumping.

A vacuum type filter involves two chambers; the upper chamber contains the sample and a filter (minimum size 0.45 μm) divides the chambers. Using a hand pump or a Gilian type pump, air is withdrawn from the lower chamber, creating a vacuum and thus causing the sample to move through the filter into the lower chamber where it is drained into a sample jar. Repeated pumping may be required to drain all the sample into the lower chamber. If preservation of the sample is necessary, this should be done after filtering.

7.6 Post Operation

After all samples are collected and preserved, the sampling equipment should be decontaminated prior to sampling another well to prevent cross-contamination of equipment and monitor wells between locations.

1. Decontaminate all equipment.
2. Replace sampling equipment in storage containers.
3. Prepare and transport ground water samples to the laboratory. Check sample documentation and make sure samples are properly packed for shipment.

7.7 Special Considerations for VOA Sampling

The proper collection of a sample for volatile organics requires minimal disturbance of the sample to limit volatilization and therefore a loss of volatiles from the sample.

Sample retrieval systems suitable for the valid collection of volatile organic samples are: positive displacement bladder pumps, gear driven submersible pumps, syringe samplers and bailers (Barcelona, 1984; Nielsen, 1985). Field conditions and other constraints will limit the choice of appropriate systems. The focus of concern must be to provide a valid sample for analysis, one which has been subjected to the least amount of turbulence possible.

The following procedures should be followed:

1. Open the vial, set cap in a clean place, and collect the sample during the middle of the cycle. When collecting duplicates, collect both samples at the same time.
2. Fill the vial to just overflowing. Do not rinse the vial, nor excessively overflow it. There should be a convex meniscus on the top of the vial.
3. Check that the cap has not been contaminated (splashed) and carefully cap the vial. Place the cap directly over the top and screw down firmly. Do not overtighten and break the cap.

4. Invert the vial and tap gently. Observe vial for at least ten (10) seconds. If an air bubble appears, discard the sample and begin again. It is imperative that no entrapped air is in the sample vial.
5. Immediately place the vial in the protective foam sleeve and place into the cooler, oriented so that it is lying on its side, not straight up.
6. The holding time for VOAs is seven days. Samples should be shipped or delivered to the laboratory daily so as not to exceed the holding time. Ensure that the samples remain at 4EC, but do not allow them to freeze.

8.0 CALCULATIONS

If it is necessary to calculate the volume of the well, utilize the following equation:

$$\text{Well volume} = \pi r^2 h \text{ (cf)} \quad [\text{Equation 1}]$$

where:

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| π | = | pi |
| r | = | radius of monitoring well (feet) |
| h | = | height of the water column (feet)
[This may be determined by subtracting the depth to water from the total depth of the well as measured from the same reference point.] |
| cf | = | conversion factor (gal/ft ³) = 7.48 gal/ft ³ [In this equation, 7.48 gal/ft ³ is the necessary conversion factor.] |

Monitor well diameters are typically 2", 3", 4", or 6". Knowing the diameter of the monitor well, there are a number of standard conversion factors which can be used to simplify the equation above.

The volume, in gallons per linear foot, for various standard monitor well diameters can be calculated as follows:

$$v(\text{gal/ft}) = \pi r^2 \text{ (cf)} \quad [\text{Equation 2}]$$

where:

n = pi
 r = radius of monitoring well (feet)
 cf = conversion factor (7.48 gal/ft³)

For a 2" diameter well, the volume per linear foot can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol/linear ft} &= \frac{\pi r^2 (cf)}{12} \quad [\text{Equation 2}] \\ &= \frac{3.14 (1/12 \text{ ft})^2}{0.1632 \text{ gal/ft}} 7.48 \text{ gal/ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Remember that if you have a 2" diameter well, you must convert this to the radius in feet to be able to use the equation.

The conversion factors for the common size monitor wells are as follows:

Well diameter	2"	3"	4"	6"
Volume (gal/ft.)	0.1632	0.3672	0.6528	1.4688

If you utilize the conversion factors above, Equation 1 should be modified as follows:

$$\text{Well volume} = (h)(cf) \quad [\text{Equation 3}]$$

where:

h = height of water column (feet)
 cf = the conversion factor calculated from Equation 2

The well volume is typically tripled to determine the volume to be purged.

9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL

There are no specific quality assurance (QA) activities which apply to the implementation of these procedures. However, the following general QA procedures apply:

1. All data must be documented on field data sheets or within site logbooks.
2. All instrumentation must be operated in accordance with operating instructions as supplied by the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the work plan. Equipment checkout and calibration activities must occur prior to sampling/operation and they must be documented.
3. The collection of rinsate blanks is recommended to evaluate potential for cross contamination from the purging and/or sampling equipment.
4. Trip blanks are required if analytical parameters include VOAs.

10.0 DATA VALIDATION

This section is not applicable to this SOP.

11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When working with potentially hazardous materials, follow U.S. EPA, OSHA or REAC health and safety guidelines. More specifically, depending upon the site specific contaminants, various protective programs must be implemented prior to sampling the first well. The site health and safety plan should be reviewed with specific emphasis placed on the protection program planned for the well sampling tasks. Standard safe operating practices should be followed such as minimizing contact with potential contaminants in both the vapor phase and liquid matrix through the use of respirators and disposable clothing.

When working around volatile organic contaminants:

1. Avoid breathing constituents venting from the well.
2. Pre-survey the well head-space with an FID/PID prior to sampling.
3. If monitoring results indicate organic constituents, sampling activities may be conducted in Level C protection. At a minimum, skin protection will be afforded by disposable protective clothing.

Physical hazards associated with well sampling:

1. Lifting injuries associated with pump and bailers retrieval; moving equipment.
2. Use of pocket knives for cutting discharge hose.
3. Heat/cold stress as a result of exposure to extreme temperatures and protective clothing.
4. Slip, trip, fall conditions as a result of pump discharge.
5. Restricted mobility due to the wearing of protective clothing.

6. Electrical shock associated with use of submersible pumps is possible. Use a GFCI or a copper grounding stake to avoid this problem.

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1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to describe the procedures for the collection of representative soil samples. Analysis of soil samples may determine whether concentrations of specific pollutants exceed established action levels, or if the concentrations of pollutants present a risk to public health, welfare, or the environment.

These are standard (i.e., typically applicable) operating procedures which may be varied or changed as required, dependent upon site conditions, equipment limitations or limitations imposed by the procedure. In all instances, the ultimate procedures employed should be documented and associated with the final report.

Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) endorsement or recommendation for use.

2.0 METHOD SUMMARY

Soil samples may be collected using a variety of methods and equipment. The methods and equipment used are dependent on the depth of the desired sample, the type of sample required (disturbed vs. undisturbed), and the soil type. Near-surface soils may be easily sampled using a spade, trowel, and scoop. Sampling at greater depths may be performed using a hand auger, continuous flight auger, a trier, a split-spoon, or, if required, a backhoe.

3.0 SAMPLE PRESERVATION, CONTAINERS, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

Chemical preservation of solids is not generally recommended. Samples should, however, be cooled and protected from sunlight to minimize any potential reaction.

4.0 INTERFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

There are two primary interferences or potential problems associated with soil sampling. These include cross contamination of samples and improper sample collection. Cross contamination problems can be eliminated or minimized through the use of dedicated sampling equipment. If this is not possible or practical, then decontamination of sampling equipment is necessary. Improper sample collection can involve using contaminated equipment, disturbance of the matrix resulting in compaction of the sample or inadequate homogenization of the samples where required, resulting in variable, non-representative results.

5.0 EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS

Soil sampling equipment includes the following:

- C Sampling plan
- C Maps/plot plan
- C Safety equipment, as specified in the Health and Safety Plan
- C Survey equipment
- C Tape measure
- C Survey stakes or flags
- C Camera and film
- C Stainless steel, plastic, or other appropriate homogenization bucket, bowl or pan
- C Appropriate size sample containers
- C Ziplock plastic bags
- C Logbook
- C Labels
- C Chain of Custody records and seals
- C Field data sheets
- C Cooler(s)
- C Ice
- C Vermiculite
- C Decontamination supplies/equipment
- C Canvas or plastic sheet
- C Spade or shovel

- C Spatula
- C Scoop
- C Plastic or stainless steel spoons
- C Trowel
- C Continuous flight (screw) auger
- C Bucket auger
- C Post hole auger
- C Extension rods
- C T-handle
- C Sampling trier
- C Thin wall tube sampler
- C Split spoons
- C Vehimeyer soil sampler outfit
 - Tubes
 - Points
 - Drive head
 - Drop hammer
 - Puller jack and grip
- C Backhoe

6.0 REAGENTS

Reagents are not used for the preservation of soil samples. Decontamination solutions are specified in the Sampling Equipment Decontamination SOP and the site specific work plan.

7.0 PROCEDURES

7.1 Preparation

1. Determine the extent of the sampling effort, the sampling methods to be employed, and the types and amounts of equipment and supplies required.
2. Obtain necessary sampling and monitoring equipment.
3. Decontaminate or pre-clean equipment, and ensure that it is in working order.
4. Prepare schedules, and coordinate with staff, client, and regulatory agencies, if appropriate.
5. Perform a general site survey prior to site entry in accordance with the site specific Health and Safety Plan.
6. Use stakes, flagging, or buoys to identify and mark all sampling locations. Specific site

factors, including extent and nature of contaminant should be considered when selecting sample location. If required, the proposed locations may be adjusted based on site access, property boundaries, and surface obstructions. All staked locations will be utility-cleared by the property owner prior to soil sampling.

7.2 Sample Collection

7.2.1 Surface Soil Samples

Collection of samples from near-surface soil can be accomplished with tools such as spades, shovels, trowels, and scoops. Surface material can be removed to the required depth with this equipment, then a stainless steel or plastic scoop can be used to collect the sample.

This method can be used in most soil types but is limited to sampling near surface areas. Accurate, representative samples can be collected with this procedure depending on the care and precision demonstrated by the sample team member. A stainless steel scoop, lab spoon, or plastic spoon will suffice in most other applications. The use of a flat, pointed mason trowel to cut a block of the desired soil can be helpful when undisturbed profiles are required. Care should be exercised to avoid use of devices plated with chrome or other materials. Plating is particularly common with garden implements such as potting trowels.

The following procedure is used to collect surface soil samples:

1. Carefully remove the top layer of soil or debris to the desired sample depth with a pre-cleaned spade.
2. Using a pre-cleaned, stainless steel scoop, plastic spoon, or trowel, remove and discard a thin layer of soil from the area which came in contact with the spade.
3. If volatile organic analysis is to be performed, transfer the sample directly into an appropriate, labeled sample container with a stainless steel lab spoon, or equivalent and secure the cap tightly. Place the remainder of the sample into a stainless steel, plastic, or

other appropriate homogenization container, and mix thoroughly to obtain a homogenous sample representative of the entire sampling interval. Then, either place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly; or, if composite samples are to be collected, place a sample from another sampling interval or location into the homogenization container and mix thoroughly. When compositing is complete, place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly.

7.2.2 Sampling at Depth with Augers and Thin Wall Tube Samplers

This system consists of an auger, or a thin-wall tube sampler, a series of extensions, and a "T" handle (Figure 1, Appendix A). The auger is used to bore a hole to a desired sampling depth, and is then withdrawn. The sample may be collected directly from the auger. If a core sample is to be collected, the auger tip is then replaced with a thin wall tube sampler. The system is then lowered down the borehole, and driven into the soil to the completion depth. The system is withdrawn and the core is collected from the thin wall tube sampler.

Several types of augers are available; these include: bucket type, continuous flight (screw), and post-hole augers. Bucket type augers are better for direct sample recovery since they provide a large volume of sample in a short time. When continuous flight augers are used, the sample can be collected directly from the flights. The continuous flight augers are satisfactory for use when a composite of the complete soil column is desired. Post-hole augers have limited utility for sample collection as they are designed to cut through fibrous, rooted, swampy soil and cannot be used below a depth of three feet.

The following procedure will be used for collecting soil samples with the auger:

1. Attach the auger bit to a drill rod extension, and attach the "T" handle to the drill rod.
2. Clear the area to be sampled of any surface debris (e.g., twigs, rocks, litter). It may be advisable to remove the first three to six inches of surface soil for an area approximately six inches in radius around the drilling location.
3. Begin augering, periodically removing and depositing accumulated soils onto a plastic sheet spread near the hole. This prevents accidental brushing of loose material back down the borehole when removing the auger or adding drill rods. It also facilitates refilling the hole, and avoids possible contamination of the surrounding area.
4. After reaching the desired depth, slowly and carefully remove the auger from boring. When sampling directly from the auger, collect the sample after the auger is removed from the boring and proceed to Step 10.
5. Remove auger tip from drill rods and replace with a pre-cleaned thin wall tube sampler. Install the proper cutting tip.
6. Carefully lower the tube sampler down the borehole. Gradually force the tube sampler into soil. Care should be taken to avoid scraping the borehole sides. Avoid hammering the drill rods to facilitate coring as the vibrations may cause the boring walls to collapse.
7. Remove the tube sampler, and unscrew the drill rods.
8. Remove the cutting tip and the core from the device.
9. Discard the top of the core (approximately 1 inch), as this possibly represents material collected before penetration of the layer of concern. Place the remaining core into the appropriate labeled sample container. Sample homogenization is not required.
10. If volatile organic analysis is to be performed, transfer the sample into an appropriate, labeled sample container with a stainless steel lab spoon, or equivalent and secure the cap tightly. Place the remainder of the sample into a stainless steel, plastic, or other appropriate homogenization container, and mix thoroughly to obtain a homogenous sample representative of the entire sampling interval. Then, either place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the

caps tightly; or, if composite samples are to be collected, place a sample from another sampling interval into the homogenization container and mix thoroughly.

When compositing is complete, place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly.

11. If another sample is to be collected in the same hole, but at a greater depth, reattach the auger bit to the drill and assembly, and follow steps 3 through 11, making sure to decontaminate the auger and tube sampler between samples.
12. Abandon the hole according to applicable State regulations. Generally, shallow holes can simply be backfilled with the removed soil material.

7.2.3 Sampling at Depth with a Trier

The system consists of a trier, and a "T" handle. The auger is driven into the soil to be sampled and used to extract a core sample from the appropriate depth.

The following procedure will be used to collect soil samples with a sampling trier:

1. Insert the trier (Figure 2, Appendix A) into the material to be sampled at a 0° to 45° angle from horizontal. This orientation minimizes the spillage of sample.
2. Rotate the trier once or twice to cut a core of material.
3. Slowly withdraw the trier, making sure that the slot is facing upward.
4. If volatile organic analysis is to be performed, transfer the sample into an appropriate, labeled sample container with a stainless steel lab spoon, or equivalent and secure the cap tightly. Place the remainder of the sample into a stainless steel, plastic, or other appropriate homogenization container, and mix thoroughly to obtain a homogenous sample representative of the entire sampling interval. Then, either place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the

caps tightly; or, if composite samples are to be collected, place a sample from another sampling interval into the homogenization container and mix thoroughly. When compositing is complete, place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly.

7.2.4 Sampling at Depth with a Split Spoon (Barrel) Sampler

The procedure for split spoon sampling describes the collection and extraction of undisturbed soil cores of 18 or 24 inches in length. A series of consecutive cores may be extracted with a split spoon sampler to give a complete soil column profile, or an auger may be used to drill down to the desired depth for sampling. The split spoon is then driven to its sampling depth through the bottom of the augured hole and the core extracted.

When split spoon sampling is performed to gain geologic information, all work should be performed in accordance with ASTM D 1586-67 (reapproved 1974).

The following procedures will be used for collecting soil samples with a split spoon:

1. Assemble the sampler by aligning both sides of barrel and then screwing the drive shoe on the bottom and the head piece on top.
2. Place the sampler in a perpendicular position on the sample material.
3. Using a well ring, drive the tube. Do not drive past the bottom of the head piece or compression of the sample will result.
4. Record in the site logbook or on field data sheets the length of the tube used to penetrate the material being sampled, and the number of blows required to obtain this depth.
5. Withdraw the sampler, and open by unscrewing the bit and head and splitting the barrel. The amount of recovery and soil type should be recorded on the boring log. If a split sample is desired, a cleaned, stainless steel knife should be used to divide the tube contents in half, longitudinally. This sampler

is typically available in 2 and 3 1/2 inch diameters. However, in order to obtain the required sample volume, use of a larger barrel may be required.

6. Without disturbing the core, transfer it to appropriate labeled sample container(s) and seal tightly.

7.2.5 Test Pit/Trench Excavation

These relatively large excavations are used to remove sections of soil, when detailed examination of soil characteristics (horizontal, structure, color, etc.) are required. It is the least cost effective sampling method due to the relatively high cost of backhoe operation.

The following procedures will be used for collecting soil samples from test pit/trench excavations:

1. Prior to any excavation with a backhoe, it is important to ensure that all sampling locations are clear of utility lines, subsurface pipes and poles (subsurface as well as above surface).
2. Using the backhoe, a trench is dug to approximately three feet in width and approximately one foot below the cleared sampling location. Place excavated soils on plastic sheets. Trenches greater than five feet deep must be sloped or protected by a shoring system, as required by OSHA regulations.
3. A shovel is used to remove a one to two inch layer of soil from the vertical face of the pit where sampling is to be done.
4. Samples are taken using a trowel, scoop, or coring device at the desired intervals. Be sure to scrape the vertical face at the point of sampling to remove any soil that may have fallen from above, and to expose fresh soil for sampling. In many instances, samples can be collected directly from the backhoe bucket.
5. If volatile organic analysis is to be performed, transfer the sample into an appropriate, labeled sample container with a

stainless steel lab spoon, or equivalent and secure the cap tightly. Place the remainder of the sample into a stainless steel, plastic, or other appropriate homogenization container, and mix thoroughly to obtain a homogenous sample representative of the entire sampling interval. Then, either place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly; or, if composite samples are to be collected, place a sample from another sampling interval into the homogenization container and mix thoroughly. When compositing is complete, place the sample into appropriate, labeled containers and secure the caps tightly.

6. Abandon the pit or excavation according to applicable state regulations. Generally, shallow excavations can simply be backfilled with the removed soil material.

8.0 CALCULATIONS

This section is not applicable to this SOP.

9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL

There are no specific quality assurance (QA) activities which apply to the implementation of these procedures. However, the following QA procedures apply:

1. All data must be documented on field data sheets or within site logbooks.
2. All instrumentation must be operated in accordance with operating instructions as supplied by the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the work plan. Equipment checkout and calibration activities must occur prior to sampling/operation, and they must be documented.

10.0 DATA VALIDATION

This section is not applicable to this SOP.

11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When working with potentially hazardous materials,

follow U.S. EPA, OHSA and corporate health and safety procedures.

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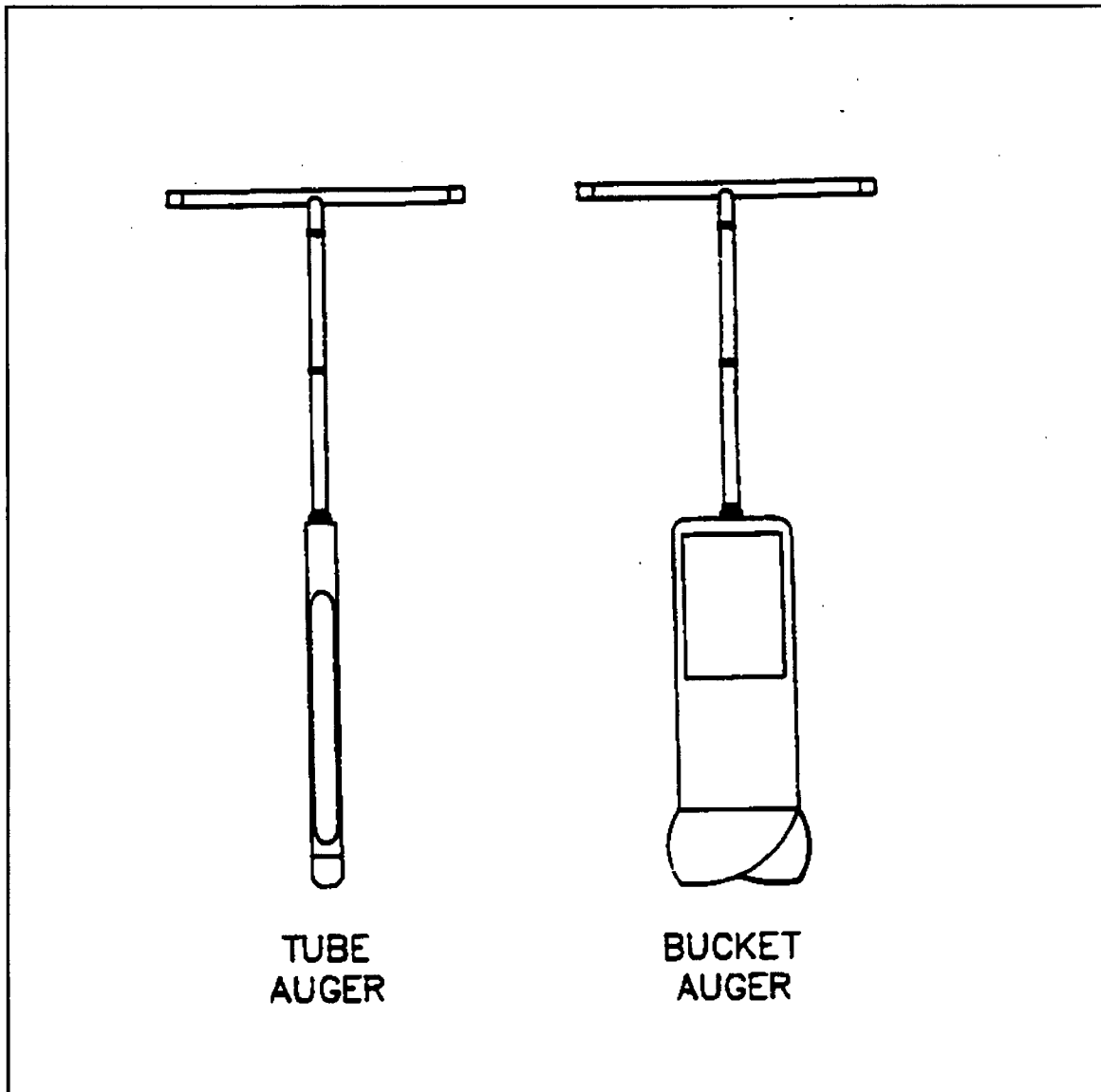
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APPENDIX A

Figures

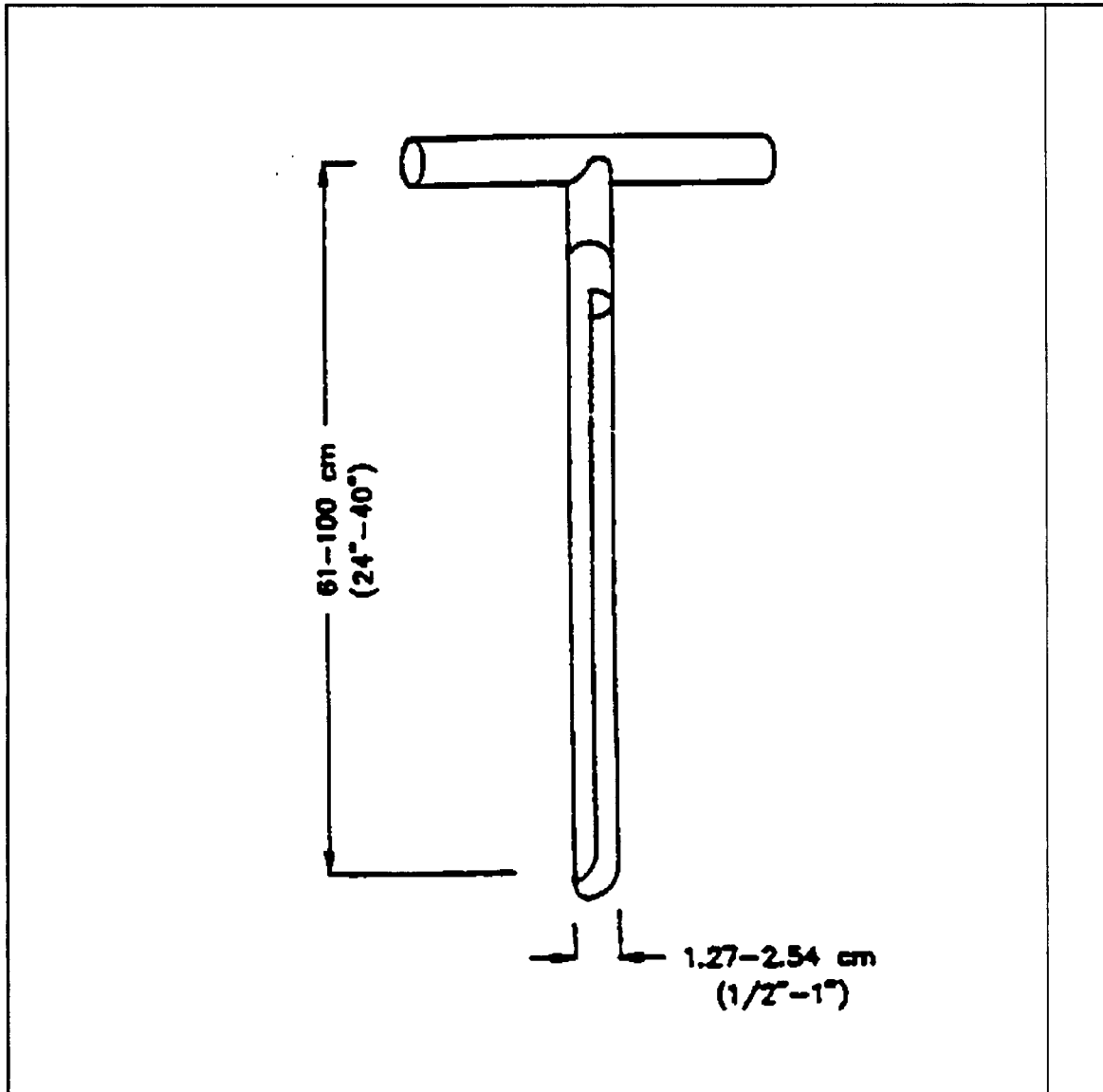
FIGURE 1. Sampling Augers



APPENDIX A (Cont'd)

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FIGURE 2. Sampling Trier





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1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to describe the collection of representative soil, soil-gas, and groundwater samples using a Model 5400 Geoprobe™ sampling device. Any deviations from these procedures should be documented in the site/field logbook and stated in project deliverables.

Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) endorsement or recommendation for use.

2.0 METHOD SUMMARY

The Geoprobe™ sampling device is used to collect soil, soil-gas and groundwater samples at specific depths below ground surface (BGS). The Geoprobe™ is hydraulically powered and is mounted in a customized four-wheel drive vehicle. The base of the sampling device is positioned on the ground over the sampling location and the vehicle is hydraulically raised on the base. As the weight of the vehicle is transferred to the probe, the probe is pushed into the ground. A built-in hammer mechanism allows the probe to be driven through dense materials. Maximum depth penetration under favorable circumstances is about 50 feet. Components of the Model 5400 Geoprobe™ are shown in Figures 1 through 6 (Appendix A).

Soil samples are collected with a specially-designed sample tube. The sample tube is pushed and/or vibrated to a specified depth (approximately one foot above the intended sample interval). The interior plug of the sample tube is removed by inserting small-diameter threaded rods. The sample tube is then driven an additional foot to collect the samples. The probe sections and sample tube are then withdrawn and the sample is extruded from the tube into sample jars.

Soil gas can be collected in two ways. One method

involves withdrawing a sample directly from the probe rods, after evacuating a sufficient volume of air from the probe rods. The other method involves collecting a sample through tubing attached by an adaptor to the bottom probe section. Correctly used, the latter method provides more reliable results.

Slotted lengths of probe can be used to collect groundwater samples if the probe rods can be driven to the water table. Groundwater samples are collected using either a peristaltic pump or a small bailer.

3.0 SAMPLE PRESERVATION, CONTAINERS, HANDLING AND STORAGE

Refer to specific ERT SOPs for procedures appropriate to the matrix, parameters and sampling objector.

Applicable ERT SOPs include:

ERT #2012, Soil Sampling

ERT #2007, Groundwater Well Sampling

ERT #2042, Soil Gas Sampling

4.0 INTERFERENCES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

A preliminary site survey should identify areas to be avoided with the truck. All underground utilities should be located and avoided during sampling. Begin sampling activities with an adequate fuel supply.

Decontamination of sampling tubes, probe rods, adaptors, non-expendable points and other equipment that contacts the soil is necessary to prevent cross-contamination of samples. During sampling, the bottom portion and outside of the sampling tubes can be contaminated with soil from other depth intervals.

Care must be taken to prevent soil which does not represent the sampled interval from being incorporated into the sample. Excess soil should be carefully wiped from the outside surface of the sampling tube and the bottom 3 inches of the sample should be discarded before extruding the sample into a sample jar.

The amount of sample to be collected and the proper sample container type (i.e., glass, plastic), chemical preservation, and storage requirements are dependent upon the parameter(s) of interest. Guidelines for the containment, preservation, handling and storage of soil-gas samples are described in ERT SOP #2042, Soil-Gas Sampling.

Obtaining sufficient volume of soil for multiple analyses from one sample location may present a problem. The Geoprobe™ soil sampling system recovers a limited volume of soil and it is not possible to reenter the same hole and collect additional soil. When multiple analyses are to be performed on soil samples collected with the Geoprobe™, it is important that the relative importance of the analyses be identified. Identifying the order of importance will ensure that the limited sample volume will be used for the most crucial analyses.

5.0 EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS

Sampling with the Geoprobe™ involves use of the equipment listed below. Some of the equipment is used for all sample types, others are specific to soil (S), soil gas (SG), or groundwater (GW) as noted.

- C Geoprobe™ sampling device
- C Threaded probe rods (36", 24", and 12" lengths)
- C Drive Caps
- C Pull Caps
- C Rod Extractor
- C Expendable Point Holders
- C Expendable Drive Points
- C Solid Drive Points
- C Extension Rods
- C Extension Rod Couplers
- C Extension Rod Handle
- C Hammer Anvil
- C Hammer Latch
- C Hammer Latch Tool
- C Drill Steels
- C Carbide-Tipped Drill Bit

- C Mill-Slotted Well Point (GW)
- C Threaded Drive Point (GW)
- C Well Mini-Bailer (GW)
- C Tubing Bottom Check Valve (GW)
- C 3/8" O.D. Low Density Polyethylene Tubing (GW, SG)
- C Gas Sampling Adaptor and Cap (SG)
- C Teflon Tape
- C Neoprene "O" - Rings (SG)
- C Vacuum System (mounted in vehicle) (SG)
- C Piston Tip (S)
- C Piston Rod (S)
- C Piston Stop (S)
- C Sample Tube (11.5" in length) (S)
- C Vinyl Ends Caps (S)
- C Sample Extruder (S)
- C Extruder Pistons (Wooden Dowels) (S)
- C Wire Brush
- C Brush Adapters
- C Cleaning Brush (Bottle)

6.0 REAGENTS

Decontamination solutions are specified in ERT SOP #2006, Sampling Equipment Decontamination.

7.0 PROCEDURES

Portions of the following sections have been condensed from the Model 5400 Geoprobe™ Operations Manual(1). Refer to this manual for more detailed information concerning equipment specifications, general maintenance, tools, throttle control, clutch pump, GSK-58 Hammer, and troubleshooting. A copy of this manual will be maintained with the Geoprobe™ and on file in the Quality Assurance (QA) office.

7.1 Preparation

1. Determine extent of the sampling effort, sample matrices to be collected, and types and amounts of equipment and supplies required to complete the sampling effort.
2. Obtain and organize necessary sampling and monitoring equipment.
3. Decontaminate or pre-clean equipment, and ensure that it is in working order.
4. Perform a general site survey prior to site

entry in accordance with the site-specific Health and Safety Plan.

5. Use stakes or flagging to identify and mark all sampling locations. All sample locations should be cleared for utilities prior to sampling.

7.2 Setup of Geoprobe™

1. Back carrier vehicle to probing location.
2. Shift the vehicle to park and shut off ignition.
3. Set parking brake and place chocks under rear tires.
4. Attach exhaust hoses so exhaust blows downwind of the sampling location (this is particularly important during soil gas sampling).
5. Start engine using the remote ignition at the Geoprobe™ operator position.
6. Activate hydraulic system by turning on the Electrical Control Switch located on the Geoprobe™ electrical control panel (Figure 1, Appendix A). When positioning the probe, always use the SLOW speed. The SLOW speed switch is located on the hydraulic control panel (Figure 2, Appendix A).

Important: Check for clearance on vehicle roof before folding Geoprobe™ out of the carrier vehicle.

7. Laterally extend the Geoprobe™ from the vehicle as far as possible by pulling the EXTEND control lever toward the back of the vehicle while the Geoprobe™ is horizontal.
8. Using the FOOT control, lower the Derrick Slide so it is below cylinder (A) before folding the Geoprobe™ out of the carrier vehicle (Figure 3, Appendix A). This will ensure clearance at the roof of the vehicle.
9. Use the FOLD, FOOT, and EXTEND controls to place Geoprobe™ to the exact

probing location. Never begin probing in the fully extended position.

10. Using the FOLD control, adjust the long axis of the probe cylinder so that it is perpendicular (visually) to the ground surface.

11. Using the FOOT control, put the weight of the vehicle on the probe unit. Do not raise the rear of the vehicle more than six inches.

Important: Keep rear vehicle wheels on the ground surface when transferring the weight of the vehicle to the probe unit. Otherwise, vehicle may shift when probing begins.

12. When the probe axis is vertical and the weight of the vehicle is on the probe unit, probing is ready to begin.

7.3 Drilling Through Surface Pavement or Concrete

1. Position carrier vehicle to drilling location.
2. Fold unit out of carrier vehicle.
3. Deactivate hydraulics.
4. Insert carbide-tipped drill bit into hammer.
5. Activate HAMMER ROTATION control by turning knob counter-clockwise (Figure 4, Appendix A). This allows the drill bit to rotate when the HAMMER control is pressed.
6. Press down on HAMMER control to activate counterclockwise rotation.
7. Both the HAMMER control and the PROBE control must be used when drilling through the surface (Figure 4, Appendix A). Fully depress the HAMMER control, and incrementally lower the bit gradually into the pavement by periodically depressing the PROBE control.
8. When the surface has been penetrated, turn the HAMMER Control Valve knob clockwise to deactivate hammer rotation and remove the drill bit from the HAMMER.

Important: Be sure to deactivate the rotary action before driving probe rods.

7.4 Probing

1. Position the carrier vehicle to the desired sampling location and set the vehicle parking brake.
2. Deploy Geoprobe™ Sampling Device.
3. Make sure the hydraulic system is turned off.
4. Lift up latch and insert hammer anvil into hammer - push latch back in (Figure 5, Appendix A).
5. Thread the drive cap onto the male end of the probe rod.
6. Thread an expendable point holder onto the other end of the first probe rod.
7. Slip an expendable drive point into point holder.
8. Position the leading probe rod with expendable drive point in the center of the derrick foot and directly below the hammer anvil.

Important: Positioning the first probe rod is critical in order to drive the probe rod vertically. Therefore, both the probe rod and the probe cylinder shaft must be in the vertical position (Figure 6, Appendix A).

9. To begin probing, activate the hydraulics and push the PROBE Control downward. When advancing the first probe rod, always use the SLOW speed. Many times the probe rods can be advanced using only the weight of the carrier vehicle. When this is the case, only the PROBE control is used.

Important: When advancing rods, always keep the probe rods parallel to the probe cylinder shaft (Figure 6, Appendix A). This is done by making minor adjustments with the FOLD control. Failure to keep probe rods parallel to probe cylinder shaft may result in broken rods and increased difficulty in achieving desired sampling depth.

7.5 Probing - Percussion Hammer

The percussion hammer must be used in situations where the weight of the vehicle is not sufficient to advance the probe rods.

1. Make sure the Hammer Rotation Valve is closed.
2. Using the PROBE control to advance the rod, press down the HAMMER control to allow percussion to drive the rods (Figure 2, Appendix A).

Important: Always keep static weight on the probe rod or the rod will vibrate and chatter while you are hammering, causing rod threads to fracture and break.

3. Keep the hammer tight to the drive cap so the rod will not vibrate.
4. Periodically stop hammering and check if the probe rods can be advanced by pushing only.
5. Any time the downward progress of the probe rods is refused, the derrick foot may lift off of the ground surface. When this happens, reduce pressure on the PROBE control. Do not allow the foot to rise more than six inches off the ground or the vehicle's wheels may lift off the ground surface, causing the vehicle to shift (Figure 6, Appendix A).
6. As the derrick foot is raised off the ground surface, the probe cylinder may not be in a perpendicular position. If this happens, use the FOLD control to correct the probe cylinder position.

7.6 Probing - Adding Rods

1. Standard probe rods are three feet in length. If the desired depth is more than three feet, another rod must be threaded onto the rod that has been driven into the ground. In order to ensure a vacuum-tight seal (soil-gas sampling), two wraps of teflon tape around the thread is recommended.
2. Using the PROBE control, raise the probe

cylinder as high as possible.

Important: Always deactivate hydraulics when adding rods.

3. Deactivate hydraulics.
4. Unthread the drive cap from the probe rod that is in the ground.
5. Wrap teflon tape around the threads.
6. Thread the drive cap onto the male end of the next probe rod to be used.
7. After threading the drive cap onto the rod to be added, thread the rod onto the probe rod that has been driven into the ground. Make sure threads have been teflon taped. Continue probing.
8. Continue these steps until the desired sampling depth has been reached.

7.7 Probing/Pulling Rods

1. Once the probe rods have been driven to depth, they can also be pulled using the Geoprobe™ Machine.
2. Turn off the hydraulics.
3. Lift up latch and take the hammer anvil out of the hammer.
4. Replace the drive cap from the last probe rod driven with a pull cap.
5. Lift up the hammer latch.
6. Activate the hydraulics.
7. Hold down on the PROBE control, and move the probe cylinder down until the latch can be closed over the pull cap.

Important: If the latch will not close over the pull cap, adjust the derrick assembly by using the extend control. This will allow you to center the pull cap directly below the hammer latch.

8. Retract the probe rods by pulling up on the PROBE control.

Important: Do not raise the probe cylinder all the way when pulling probe rods or it will be impossible to detach a rod that has been pulled out. However, it is necessary to raise the probe cylinder far enough to allow the next probe section to be pulled.

9. After retracting the first probe rod, lower the probe cylinder only slightly to ease the pressure off of the hammer latch.
10. Attach a clamping device to the base of the rods where it meets the ground to prevent rods from falling back into the hole.
11. Raise the hammer latch.
12. Hold the PROBE control up and raise the probe cylinder as high as possible.
13. Unthread the pull cap from the retracted rod.
14. Unthread the retracted rod.
15. Thread the pull cap onto the next rod that is to be pulled.
16. Continue these steps until all the rods are retracted from the hole.
17. Decontaminate all portions of the equipment that have been in contact with the soil, soil gas and groundwater.

7.8 Soil-Gas Sampling Without Interior Tubing

1. Follow procedures outlined in Sections 7.1 through 7.6.
2. Remove hammer anvil from hammer.
3. Thread on pull cap to end of probe rod.
4. Retract rod approximately six inches. Retraction of the rod disengages expendable drive point and allows for soil vapor to enter rod.

5. Unthread pull cap and replace it with a gas sampling cap. Cap is furnished with barbed hose connector.

Important: Shut engine off before taking sample (exhaust fumes can cause faulty sample data).

6. Turn vacuum pump on and allow vacuum to build in tank.
7. Open line control valve. For each rod used, purge 300 liters of volume. Example: Three rods used = 900 liters = .900 on gauge.
8. After achieving sufficient purge volume, close valve and allow sample line pressure gauge to return to zero. This returns sample train to atmospheric pressure.
9. The vapor sample can now be taken.
 1. Pinch hose near gas sampling cap to prevent any outside vapors from entering the rods.
 2. Insert syringe needle into center of barbed hose connector and withdraw vapor sample.
10. To maintain suction at the sampling location, periodically drain the vacuum tank.
11. To remove rods, follow procedures outlined in Section 7.7.

7.9 Soil-Gas Sampling With Post-Run Tubing (PRT)

1. Follow procedures outlined in Sections 7.1 through 7.6.
2. Retract rod approximately six inches. Retraction of rod disengages expendable drive point and allows for soil vapor to enter rod.
3. Remove pull cap from the end of the probe rod.
4. Position the Geoprobe™ to allow room to work.

5. Secure PRT Tubing Adapter with "O" - Ring to selected tubing.
6. Insert the adapter end of the tubing down the inside diameter of the probe rods.
7. Feed the tubing down the hole until it hits bottom on the expendable point holder. Cut the tubing approximately two feet from the top probe rod.
8. Grasp excess tubing and apply some downward pressure while turning it in a counter-clockwise motion to engage the adapter threads with the expendable point holder.
9. Pull up lightly on the tubing to test engagement of threads.
10. Connect the outer end of the tubing to silicon tubing and vacuum hose (or other sampling apparatus).
11. Follow the appropriate sampling procedure (ERT SOP #2042, Soil Gas Sampling) to collect a soil-gas sample.
12. After collecting a sample, disconnect the tubing from the vacuum hose or sampling system.
13. Pull up firmly on the tubing until it releases from the adapter at the bottom of the hole.
14. Extract the probe rods from the ground and recover the expendable point holder with the attached adapter.
15. Inspect the "O"-ring at the base of the adapter to verify that proper sealing was achieved during sampling. The "O"-ring should be compressed.

Note: If the "O"-ring is not compressed, vapors from within the probe sections may have been collected rather than vapors from the intended sample interval.

7.10 Soil Sampling

1. Follow procedures outlined in Sections 7.1

through 7.6.

2. Assemble soil-sampling tube.
 1. Thread piston rod into piston tip.
 2. Insert piston tip into sample tube, seating piston tip into cutting edge of sample tube.
 3. Thread drive head into threaded end of sample tube.
 4. Thread piston stop pin into drive head. Stop pin should be tightened with wrench so that it exerts pressure against the piston rod.
3. Attach assembled sampler onto leading probe rod.
4. Drive the sampler with the attached probe rods to the top of the interval to be sampled.
5. Move probe unit back from the top of the probe rods to allow work room.
6. Remove drive cap and lower extension rods into inside diameter of probe rods using couplers to join rods together.
7. Attach extension rod handle to top extension rod.
8. Rotate extension rod handle clockwise until the leading extension rod is threaded into the piston stop in downhole.
9. Continue to rotate extension rod handle clockwise until reverse-threaded stop-pin has disengaged from the drive head.
10. Remove extension rods and attached stop-pin from the probe rods.
11. Replace drive cap onto top probe rod.
12. Mark the top probe rod with a marker or tape at the appropriate distance above the ground surface (dependent on sample tube length).
13. Drive probe rods and sampler the designated distance. Be careful not to overdrive the sampler which could compact the soil sample

in the tube, making it difficult to extrude.

Important: Documentation of sample location should include both surface and subsurface identifiers. Example: Correct Method - Sample Location S-6, 12.0' - 13.0'. Incorrect Method - Sample Location S-6, 12.0'.

14. Retract probe rods from the hole and recover the sample tube. Inspect the sample tube to confirm that a sample was recovered.
15. Disassemble sampler. Remove all parts.
16. Position extruder rack on the foot of the Geoprobe™ derrick.
17. Insert sample tube into extruder rack with the cutting end up.
18. Insert hammer anvil into hammer.
19. Position the extruder piston (wood dowel) and push sample out of the tube using the PROBE control on the Geoprobe™. Collect the sample as it is extruded in an appropriate sample container.

Caution: use care when performing this task. Apply downward pressure gradually. Use of excessive force could result in injury to operator or damage to tools. Make sure proper diameter extruder piston is used.

20. To remove rods follow procedures outlined in Section 7.7.

7.11 Groundwater Sampling

1. Follow Sections 7.1 through 7.6 with the following exception: the Mill-Slotted Well Rod with attached threaded drive point should be the first section probed into the ground. Multiple sections of mill-slotted well rods can be used to provide a greater vertical section into which groundwater can flow.
2. Probe to a depth at which groundwater is

expected.

3. Remove Drive Cap and insert an electric water-level indicator to determine if water has entered the slotted sections of probe rod. Refer to ERT SOP #2043, Water Level Measurement, to determine water level.
4. If water is not detected in the probe rods, replace the drive cap and continue probing. Stop after each additional probe length and determine if groundwater has entered the slotted rods.
5. After the probe rods have been driven into the saturated zone, sufficient time should be allowed for the water level in the probe rods to stabilize.

Note: It will be difficult if not impossible to collect a groundwater sample in aquifer material small enough to pass through the slots (<0.02 inch diameter).

6. Groundwater samples may be collected with the 20-mL well Mini-Bailer or a pumping device. If samples are being collected for volatile organic analysis (VOA), the 20-mL Well Mini-Bailer should be used. If samples are being collected for a variety of analyses, VOA samples should be collected first using the bailer. Remaining samples can be collected by pumping water to the surface. Withdrawing water with the pump is more efficient than collecting water with the 20-mL well Mini-Bailer.

Important: Documentation of sample location should include both surface and subsurface identifiers. Example: Sample Location GW-6, 17'-21' bgs, water level in probe rods is 17 feet bgs, and the leading section of probe rod is 21 feet bgs. The water sample is from this zone, not from 17 feet bgs or 21 feet bgs.

7. Remove rods following procedures outlined in Section 7.7.

8.0 CALCULATIONS

Calculating Vapor Purge Volume for Soil-Gas Sampling without Interior Tubing

Volume of Air to be Purged (Liters) = 300 x
Number of Rods in the Ground

Volume in Liters/1000 = Reading on
Vacuum Pump Instrument Gauge

9.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL

The following general QA procedures apply:

1. All data must be documented on field data sheets or within site logbooks.
2. All instrumentation must be operated in accordance with operating instructions as supplied by the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the work plan. Equipment checkout and calibration activities must occur prior to sampling/operation and they must be documented.

10.0 DATA VALIDATION

This section is not applicable to this SOP.

11.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

When working with potentially hazardous materials, follow U.S. EPA, OSHA and the REAC site specific Health and Safety Plan. The following is a list of health and safety precautions which specifically apply to Geoprobe™ operation.

1. Always put vehicle in "park", set emergency the brake, and place chocks under the tires, before engaging remote ignition.
2. If vehicle is parked on a loose or soft surface, do not fully raise rear of vehicle with probe foot, as vehicle may fall or move.
3. Always extend the probe unit out from the vehicle and deploy the foot to clear vehicle roof line before folding the probe unit out.
4. Operators should wear OSHA approved steel-toed shoes and keep feet clear of probe foot.
5. Operator should wear ANSI approved hard hats.

6. Only one person should operate the probe machine and the assemble or disassemble probe rods and accessories.
7. Never place hands on top of a rod while it is under the machine.
8. Turn off the hydraulic system while changing rods, inserting the hammer anvil, or attaching accessories.
9. Operator must stand on the control side of the probe machine, clear of the probe foot and mast, while operating controls.
10. Wear safety glasses at all times during the operation of this machine.
11. Never continue to exert downward pressure on the probe rods when the probe foot has risen six inches off the ground.
12. Never exert enough downward pressure on a probe rod so as to lift the rear tires of the vehicle off the ground.
13. Always remove the hammer anvil or other tool from the machine before folding the machine to the horizontal position.
14. The vehicle catalytic converter is hot and may present a fire hazard when operating over dry grass or combustibles.
15. Geoprobe™ operators must wear ear protection. OSHA approved ear protection for sound levels exceeding 85 dba is recommended.
16. Locations of buried or underground utilities and services must be known before starting to drill or probe.
17. Shut down the hydraulic system and stop the vehicle engine before attempting to clean or service the equipment.
18. Exercise extreme caution when using extruder pistons (wooden dowels) to extrude soil from sample tubes. Soil in the sample tube may be compacted to the point that the extruder piston will break or shatter before it will push the sample out.
19. A dry chemical fire extinguisher (Type ABC) should be kept with the vehicle at all times.

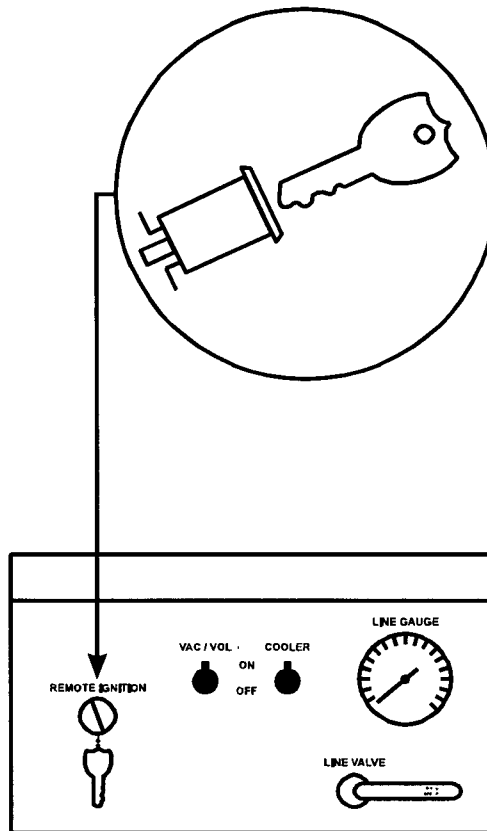
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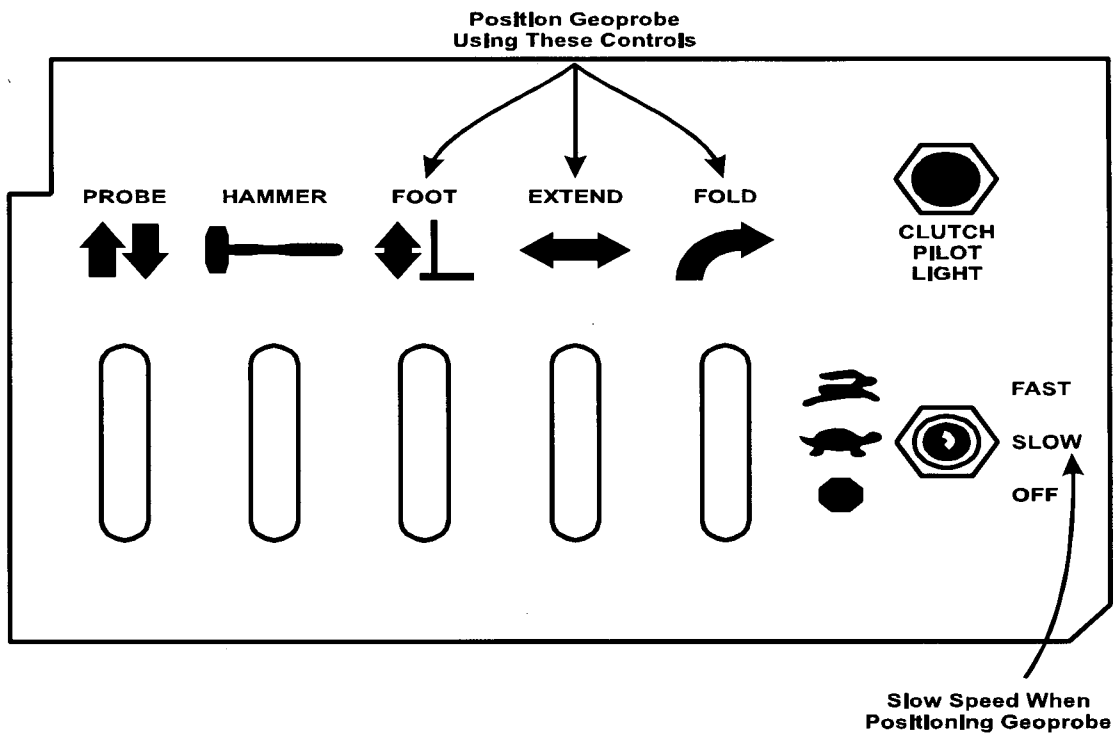
FIGURE 1. Electrical Control Panel



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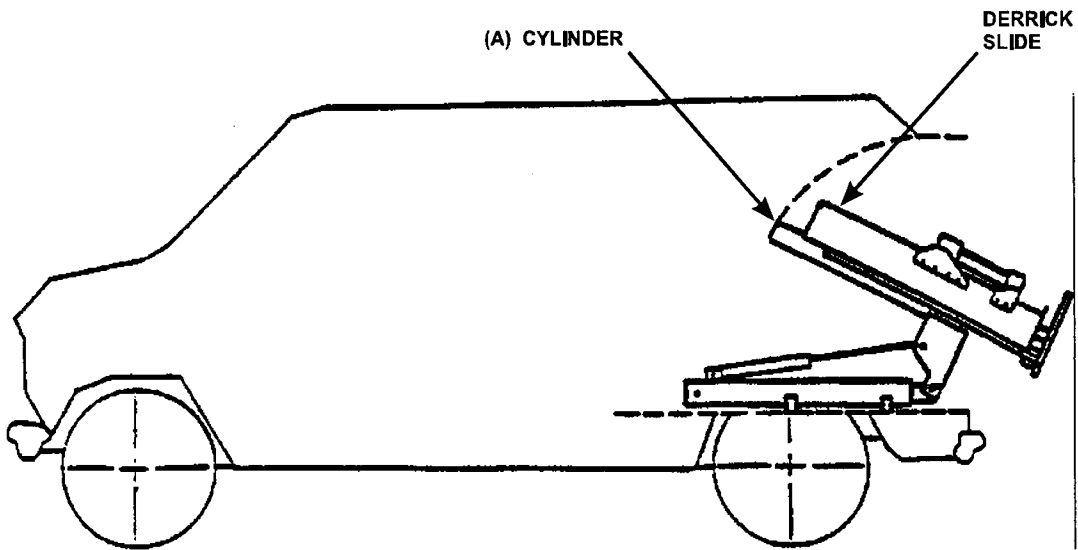
FIGURE 2. Hydraulic Control Panel



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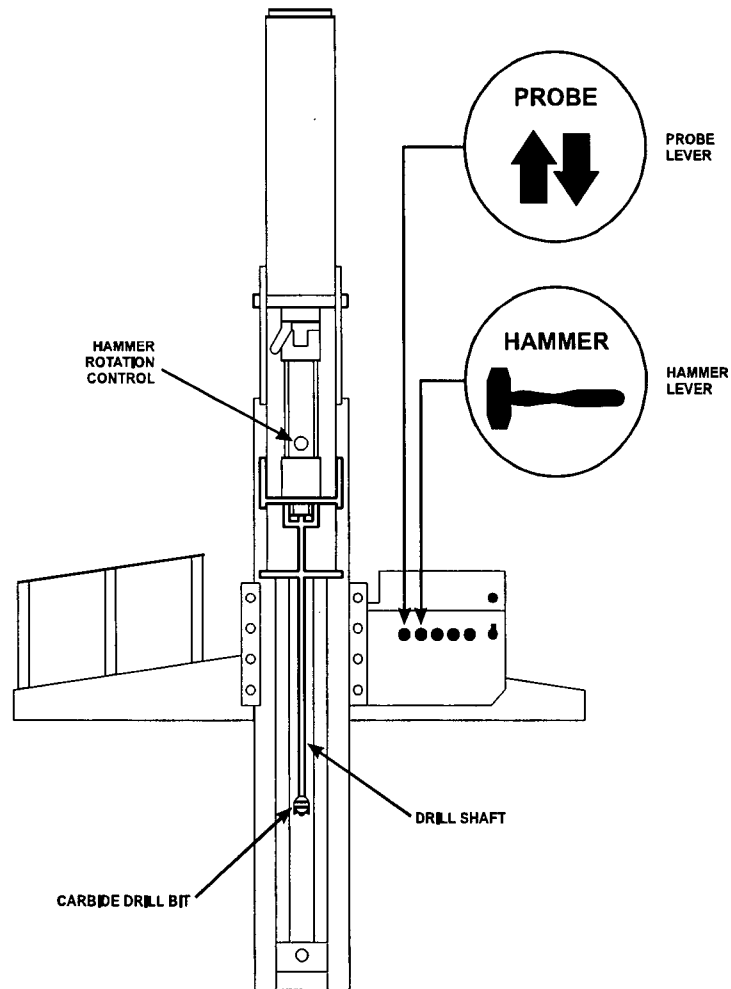
FIGURE 3. Deployment of Geoprobe™ from Sampling Vehicle



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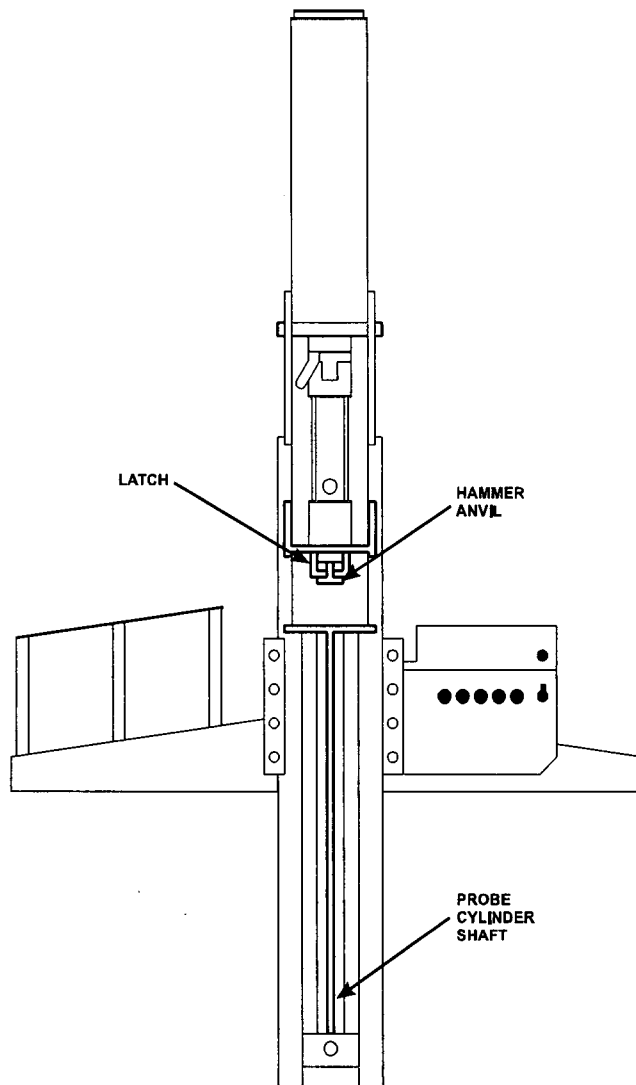
FIGURE 4. Geoprobe™ Setup for Drilling Through Concrete and Pavement



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FIGURE 5. Inserting Hammer Anvil



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FIGURE 6. Probe Cylinder Shaft and Probe Rod - Parallel and Vertical

